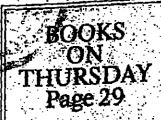


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Smith hit by crossfire as Labour splits at the top

A clash between the "modernisers" and those who believe Labour has already compromised too far is marring John Smith's reforming efforts

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN Smith's efforts to regain power for Labour after the loss of four elections are being hampered by divisions at the top of the party over the strategy it needs to adopt to win in 1996 or 1997.

The Labour leader has been caught in the crossfire between two factions with diametrically differing views of how the party should respond to its election defeat last April.

A group including Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and Margaret Beckett, the deputy leader, who want to continue the reforming efforts begun under Neil Kinnock, are being strongly resisted by a faction led by John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, and including national executive colleagues such as Clare Short, who believe that the party has compromised too much on its traditional beliefs.

An impasse has developed inside a powerful committee established by Mr Smith to strategy. Known as the leader's committee, it is chaired by Mrs Beckett and includes many senior members of the

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shadow cabinet. Its first two meetings have ended inconclusively after lengthy, sometimes acrimonious, discussions. The second, held on the day the Commons rose for the Christmas recess, was described by one partici-pant as "terrible". Mrs Beckett was said to have "laid down the law" and told her colleagues that the discussions should remain confidential if they were to have any practical effect and proceed on the basis of trust; however, left-wingers challenged this view and said the party should not be muz-zled but hold an open debate

about its future. At the heart of the dispute is confidential voter research, recently presented to the party. which the reformers are claiming as evidence that it must continue to change if it is to return to power. A group of electors who contemplated vot-ing Labour in April, but decided late in the campaign against doing so, told researchers they would still not back the party if there were an

election tomorrow.

At the first leader's committee meeting, senior shadow cabinet members argued the party must widen its base and shake off its union-dominated image, while keeping the traditional link between the in-dustrial and political wings of

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the movement, if it were ever to succeed.

But they encountered vehement opposition from shadow cabmet members such as Mr Prescott. He launched an open challenge to the modernisers, speaking out strongly in favour of close ties with the union movement and

suggesting that Labour had compromised enough to the marketing men. Mr Prescott pointed out that the abandon-ment of allegedly unpopular policies had not won Labour He was backed strongly by Ms Short and fellow left-

wingers. Even Larry Whitty, the general secretary, is reported to have voiced doubt about Labour's ability to attract many more voters by such methods. Their view was that Labour should consolidate on its existing base.

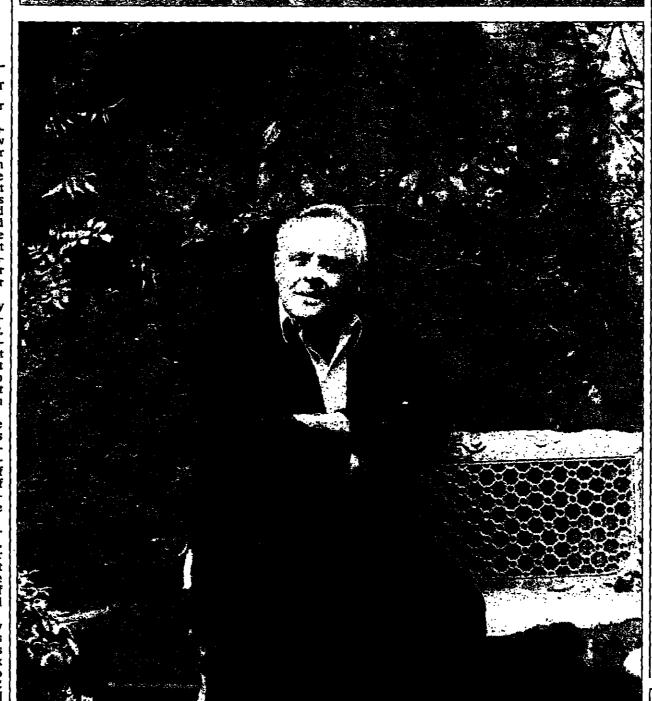
The left is accusing the

reformers, through bodies such as the Labour Co-ordicently criticised Mr Smith, of pursuing their own agenda of one member, one vote, removal of the union link, and the ending of universal benefits.

The dispute has been aggravated, some participants say, by the disinclination of Mr Smith to give shadow cabinet colleagues a hint of what he wishes to see coming out of party enquiries on electoral reform and union links.

But sources on the left say the modernisers are nervous and frustrated by Mr Smith's refusal to lead in the Kinnock style. One said: "Neil used to tell his friends on the NEC Inational executive committee what he wanted, and he got it. When he set up an enquiry, he gave an indication of what he wanted, and he got it. Smith is more interested in listening to the left than Neil ever was. and some people can't stand

The leader's committee is usually set up by Labour leaders to take charge of strategy in the immediate runup to a general election. Mr Smith has broken with tradition in establishing it so early in the life of a parliament.



Hopkins: hopes his knighthood is not only for his performance as a serial killer. (Photograph: Michael Powell)

Food prices tumble in superstores war

By PATRICIA TEHAN

THE supermarket giant Sainsbury is to cut prices on hundreds of products from Sunday. Rivals Tesco and Safeway will join the fray on Monday, All promise customer discounts of up to 50 per cent on hundreds of their food and drink products. None would disclose details last

night. Gateway is also planning a promotion on some of its basic food lines from Monday. Asda, which is offering discounts of up to 50 per cent on some foods, pledged to keep its food prices lower than the

Sainsbury started the price war with news of reductions on 750 items, described by the company as its "biggest and best ever price cuts package". It will start in 140 of its biggest stores and eight Savacentres on Sunday with cuts ranging from 15 to 50 per cent. The

reductions will cover meat, wine, dairy and frozen foods. Teso followed suit almost immediately. A spokeswoman said: "Our promotional programme has always been at least as competitive as that of Sainsbury and we anticipate

that next week will be no different." Tesco is putting over 1,000 products from all sections of the store in its January sale, with discounts of 33 per cent on 100 lines and some at half price. Robin Whithread, marketing director, said that Christmas sales were ahead of budget.

Safeway's new-year promo-tion will spotlight reductions on 500 lines including 50 per cent savings on pre-packed British bacon, eggs, packet spaghetti and tinned tomatoes. Safeway also disclosed that it was planning a promotional cut-price summer holiday offer with Thomson.

based on till receipts.
Paul Dowling, Asda's corporate affairs director, accused both Sainsbury and Tesco of "seasonal gimmickry". He said: "We are, and will remain, the lowest price national

Marks & Spencer refused to be involved in a price war. "Our aim is to offer excellent value and quality throughout

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Black Sea summit on nuclear pact

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENTS Yeltsin and Bush will meet in the Black Sea resort of Sochi to sign the Start 2 treaty at the weekend. This second full summit between the American and Russian leaders will provide Mr Bush with a final foreign policy success as he prepares to hand over the presidency to Bill Clinton on January 20.

The treaty, final details of which were agreed in Geneva by foreign ministers of the two countries, will cut stockpiles of strategic nuclear war-heads by two-thirds. It will abolish the most dangerous Cold war weapon - intercontinental land-based missiles

with multiple warheads. Mr Bush said he had spoken to Mr Yeltsin by telephone yesterday, and said the treaty was "good for all

Mr Bush will go to Sochi, a sub-tropical resort long fa-voured by the Soviet elite, after a new year visit to US forces in Somalia.

New year honour for TV's David Frost

By PHILIP WEBSTER

a statement on how he intends

to bring the honours system

up to date. Next year's list will be the first test of the prime

minister's resolve to introduce

a system that concentrates on

merit and gradually ends the

process by which senior civil

servants and diplomats are

virtually guaranteed awards

according to rank. Shirley Williams, the former

SDP president and Labour

education secretary, is the only life peer named today. She is

the last of the original Gang of Four, who founded the SDP,

to take her seat in the Lords.

television entertainers, Leslie

Crowther and Roy Castle, who

have had brushes with death

this year and are honoured for

their charity work. In sport,

Gordon Strachan, the Leeds

United midfield player, for-

There are awards for two

THE actor Anthony Hopkins and television personality David Frost are both knighted today in the New Year Hon-ours List. They bead an array of honours in a list that will be the last before John Major begins changing the system. Although Hopkins is best

known for his role as the serial killer Hannibal The Cannibal' Lecter in The Silence of The Lambs, he hoped that the knighthood was not purely a result of the film. "I wouldn't like to think that that was the reason for it, and I would hate to become a national institu-

Mr Frost, 53, who made his name fronting the irreverent That Was The Week That Was 30 years ago, has interviewed many world leaders in the past two decades and on Sunday begins a new BBC career by interviewing the prime

Among the six new Dames are Catherine Cookson, the novelist, who is honoured for her charitable work, and Margaret Price, the operatic soprano. Britain's winners in last summer's Olympic Games be-

come MBEs.

mer Scottish international and 1991 footballer of the year, becomes an OBE, as does Micky Stewart, the former England cricket team

Full list, pages 8-9 Leading article, page 17 Business honours, page 21 Mr Major is shortly to make

Holiday parents abandon two girls at home

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A SUN-TANNED Chicago man and his wife have been arrested on their return from a nine-day holiday in Mexico after leaving their two small daughters by themselves for Christmas in a cruel parody of the hit film Home Alone.

Nicole Schoo, 9, and her sister Diana, 4, were discovered at the family's suburban home in St Charles, Illinois, when a smoke alarm went off last week. Their parents had left them a refrigerator full of food and a note telling them what to eat and when to go to bed, but no means of contact-

ing them. David Schoo, 45, who works for a smoke-alarm mak-er, and his wife Sharon, 35, were handcuffed and led away as they stepped off their plane home from Acapulco to Chicago's O'Hare airport on Tuesday. Bystanders shouted "Scrooge" as they were taken away to jail, with bail set at \$50,000 each.

They were charged with child abandonment, cruelty to children and child endangerment. Their daughters have been made wards of the state and stayed with their maternal grandmother until Tues-day, when they were moved to a foster family in the area. The grandmother told police she thought that the parents had made arrangements to look

after them. In Home Alone, a young boy, also from suburban Chicago, has to fend for himself after he is mistakenly left behind by his family when they take a Christmas trip to Paris. The sequel, Home Alone II, is showing in cinemas around the United

The two sisters' plight came to light on December 21 - a Continued on page 3, col 8

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Bullish Lamont offers no early rate cuts

BY PETER RIDDELL and Anatole Kaletsky

BRITAIN'S economy will do much better next year than in 1992, but there will be no further reductions in interest rates unless growth falls below the Treasury's expectations, according to Norman La-mont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a new year interview with The Times. He is bullish about economic prospects and unrepentant about the government's per-

formance in the past year. Mr Lamont said: "Recent evidence has been encouraging. We have had very good car sales in December and reports of buoyant sales in the shops. Surveys of business confidence have improved. There is every reason to believe that 1993 will be much better than 1992. I would not be surprised if trends in the British economy were better than in some of our European

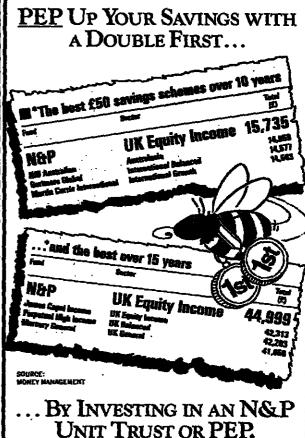
competitors." Mr Lamont's remarks may, however, disappoint the City, where many investors have been hoping for a further cut in interest rates early in the new year. The Chancellor said that interest rate reductions would be considered only "if monetary demand was manifestly too low".

Asked whether he would expect to change interest rates if the economy performed in line with the Treasury's forecast of 1 per cent growth, the Chancellor replied with an emphatic "no".

He repeatedly expressed confidence that he had done enough in his Autumn Statement to ensure that his forecasts of economic recovery would be fulfilled.

Mr Lamont said that Auturnn Statement measures for industry and housing, and the big cuts in interest rates and Continued on page 2, col 5

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MPs call for special team to police MI5 operations

By Shetla Gunn, political correspondent

A TEAM of MPs will call next month for a special partiamentary committee to be set up to scrutinise the work of the intelligence services.

In a report to be published on January 13, the Commons home affairs committee is to argue that the time has come to make MI5 and the other security services more accountable by establishing a new committee. However, it is likely to recommend that committee membership be confined to privy counsellors, who are bound by an oath of confidentiality.

The report centres on MI5, which covers anti-terrorist operations within the UK, but it is expected to suggest that Parliament also monitor M16 and military intelligence, as in many other countries

The decision by the Torymajority committee, chaired by Sir Ivan Lawrence, to demand more accountability puts it on collision course with Kenneth Clarke, the home

During its enquiry, Mr Clarke told the committee that he believed it was impossible for MPs to police M15 without delving into its operations, which could put the lives of its

agents at risk. The committee believes that a special body of MPs could monitor the agency's policies without trespassing into oper-ational details. It may recommend that chairmen and representatives from the home affairs, foreign affairs and

RSC hit by loss of sponsor

By Alison Roberts ARTS REPORTER

THE Royal Shakespeare Company's finances took a severe blow yesterday with the announcement that the Royal Insurance group will cease its sponsorship at the end of 1993.

The largest single spons-orship of a performing arts company began in 1988 when Royal Insurance donated £1.2 million to the RSC over three years. The contract was renewed in 1991 for E2.1 million, taking the RSC through to 1993.

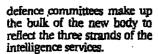
The RSC said it was under no illusions about the difficulty of attracting such large sums from business. We are in the teeth of recession and it isn't the easiest time to be looking for new sponsors." The company has a year's grace before thinking about cutbacks and every effort will be made to find alternative support, a spokesman said.

Royal Insurance sponsors specific projects at the Barbican and at Stratford upon Avon. It established the RSC/Royal Insurance annual tour in 1988 and it is in these areas that cuts may have to be made.

BI announced the end of its sponsorship of part of the RSC's touring activity earlier this year. Richard III was subsequently sent on the road without a consor and did not visit

all the planned locations.

Adrian Noble, RSC artistic director, said he hoped the decision did not preclude future partnership with the company, adding: "We quite understand their position. We have 12 months in which to plan for this change."



The key area for investigation would be MI5's strategy for tracking down IRA terrorists and thwarting mainland bombing campaigns. The MPs were influenced by the decision to give MI5 the leading role in the fight against terrorism, eroding the committee's powers for scrutinising anti-crime activities.

John Major's policy advisers are also known to be considering ways of making the security services more accountable for their actions. Early indications suggest that, al-though they would not favour an existing select committee shadowing the work of the security services, they are not adverse to a committee of privy counsellors being allowed ac-cess to non-operational information.

Legislation will be intro-duced, possibly next year, to put MI5 on the same statutory basis as MI6. which was regulated by the 1989 Security

The all-party committee's January report is not expected to be critical of M15, but rejects Mr Clarke's case for stopping MPs from examining any aspect of its work. The committee is likely to make concessions to Mr Clarke by agreeing that all MPs be deprived of their automatic right to sit in on the deliberations of the new body to guarantee secrecy.

The recommendations will be carefully phrased to avoid offending MPs who are not privy counsellors. There will be no suggestion that they cannot be trusted to keep discussions confidential.

The home secretary turned down the committee's request to question Stella Rimington, head of MI5, at a formal hearing. After some committee MPs complained that she had accepted invitations to hunch from journalists, Mr Clarke reluctantly agreed that six MPs on the committee should have an informal lunch with Mrs Rimington in her London office on January 18. The main topic of conversation is likely to be the committee's report and the IRA's mainland bombing

THE identities of crime vic-

tims should only be published

with their consent, and fam-

ilies should be consulted be-

fore "true crime" magazines or

television programmes re-

enact their stories, according

to a report by the Victim

The rise of such magazines

and television programmes

which dramatise sensational

stories hurts families who may

learn painful new details. One

father described the experi-

ence as "trespassing on our

Victim Support suggests in the report, released today, that journalists should at least

warn families that articles or

programmes are being

The report, Victims Twice Over, was drawn up for the Calcutt review of press self-regulation and investigations

into media intrusion and pri-

vacy. Two years after the

original Calcutt report, evi-

dence suggests that victims are

still suffering a "secondary

victimisation" at the hands of

the media when journalists

Support organisation.



Set for the sun: the Princess of Wales boards a flight for Antigua at Gatwick

Princess takes sons to Caribbean

THE Princess of Wales, reunited with Princes William and Harry, flew out to the tiny island of Antigua in the Caribbean yesterday.

She and her sons are then expected to fly to St Kitts, another island in the West Indies, which has already been vetted by detectives travelling ahead for the week-long

pursue victims and use decep-

Cases cited include

woman who was seriously

attacked and whose family

specifically requested the

police for no publicity. A

reporter from a national tab-

loid newspaper reached her in hospital and pestered the fam-

ily for photographs. The news-

paper was asked twice not to

identify the woman and ig-nored the requests. The

woman had difficulty recover-

ing because of the publicity

In another case, the victim of an attempted murder had

his address printed and was

visited at 2am by two intimi-

Victim Support says there is

dating friends of his attacker.

also concern at the way news-papers report claims made

about victims when mitigation

is being given in court by

defence lawyers and suggests

that newspapers should check thoroughly before running the

stories. It calls for tougher

controls over journalists,

whether by voluntary code or

and the family is moving.

tion to get their stories.

The princess is thought to be making the trip to compen-sate for not being with Wiland Harry over Christmas, which they spent at Sandringham. She left Kensington Palace yesterday travelling with the eight other

Victims of crime

'hurt' by news reports

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

members of the party. At Gatwick they drove onto the tarmac alongside the British Airways 747. Looking thin and slightly pale in a blue blazer and slacks, she turned briefly to look back, but there was no flicker of a smile before she disappeared inside the aircraft clutching a black and white striped duffle bag. The holiday comes after the

princes spent last week at with the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family while the princess remained at Althorp Hall, the Northamptonshire home of her brother, Earl Spencer. Her mother, Frances Shand-

Man dies

in police

car escape

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN arrested on suspicion

of criminal damage died after

jumping out of an escape-

Wayne Bowen, 31, of Sheer-

ness. Kent was being taken to

Sittingbourne police station in

the specially adapted vehicle when he kicked out the side

window and climbed on to the

roof. As the WPC driving the

Peugeot 309 patrol car braked, he fell in front of it.

A spokeswoman for Kent

police said the car was

designed to transport prison-

ers. "Inside is a thick perspex bubble which separates the

police officers from the prison-

er in the rear. Standard glass

is fitted to the windows but the

winding mechanism and in-ternal door handles are re-

moved, along with the locks.

"This man was arrested

following a pub disturbance.

He was being taken to

Sittingbourne police station

for questioning. It was a minor offence. We are baffled

as to why he climbed out of the

proof police car.

Kydd, is thought to be among the royal party. But Buckingham Palace said it had not been given details of who was going on the private holiday. Members of the party are travelling first class under false names

They left behind freezing weather at Gatwick for temperatures in the eighties in the West Indies. The weeklong stay and New Year celebrations will give the princess the opportunity to spend time with William, 10, and eight-year-old Harry before they return to boarding school in the second week of

Lifers on home visits honour promises

BY EDWARD GORMAN TRELAND CORRESPONDENT

PRISONERS serving life sentences in Northern Ireland, including some of the province's most notorious paramilitary killers, all returned to jail on time yesterday after their third Christmas home leave.

The Northern Ireland Office said that 456 prisoners were allowed out for Christmas of which 120 were lifers from both sides of the political

The scheme, which is unique to Northern Ireland. allows prisoners who have served a minimum of 11 years to go home for a week over Christmas and another week in August. It is made clear to them before temporary parole is granted that anyone who absounds will bring the scheme to an abrupt end.

Lifers were included in the scheme for the first time three years ago. While in England home leave at Christmas and at other times is granted to prisoners only after a date has been fixed for their permanent release, in Northern Ireland the scheme is more flexible.

However, this causes problems. Some of the prisoners released this Christmas were on their sixth home visit but still have no prospect of a permanent release. They believe this contradicts the stated intention of the Northern Ireland Office to use the scheme to help integrate long

serving prisoners back into society and family life in preparation for their release.

One prisoner caught in this trap is Felim O'Hagan, a former member of the IRA who was sentenced to life for the murder of a police officer in 1977. O'Hagan was told in September that a recommen-dation by the life sentence review board that he be released had been turned down by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary. He has been told that he must serve at least another two years before his case can be

reviewed. O'Hagan said this week that this leaves him and his family in a very difficult position. "The two criteria for release are that you are no longer a risk and that you have served enough time. If I didn't meet these why am I being let out on parole? They're playing politics with prisoners and their families. It's designed to create confusion and put pres sure on your family."

A Northern Ireland Office spokesman was unavailable to comment on the case.

Lamont bullish on new year prospects

Continued from page I the devaluation of sterling since Black Wednesday had created the right conditions for confidence and growth". Monetary policy had already been relaxed "very substantially" through the interest-rate

cut and sterling's devaluation. Mr Lamont estimated that as much as two-thirds of the impact of the recent three-point reduction in interest rates was "still in the pipeline" and added that the "very warm welcome" given by in-dustry to his Autumn Statement measures meant that there was "every chance that they will succeed". The combination of monetary relaxation and carefully directed fiscal measures had opened opportunities for business and creat-

ed a climate of confidence. Mr Lamont was unrepentant about sterling's withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism. The ERM had brought "enormous benefits" to Europe and had helped Britain to defeat inflation during its member-ship, he said. However, if other countries now chose to tie their currencies even more

closely in narrower ERM mar-gins, the implications for Britain would be limited, he said.

Mr Lamont was unperturbed by the size of Britain's current account deficit, despite concern in the business community that the balance of payments gap will be a constraint on economic growth.
"I don't believe we will have difficulty in financing the deficit. I'm obviously not indifferent to the current account, but I do not regard it as my major problem," he said. The one economic problem

that did seem to worry Mr Lamont was the high level of the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR). "Our objective for the PSBR remains to move back towards balance as the economy recovers. This is a serious issue which I shall be examining carefully," he said. He ruled out any cuts in public spending or increases in taxes that would conflict with election manifesto promises, but refused to comment on speculation that value-added tax might have to be extended to zero-rated items.

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THE SHEWS IN BRILE Stabbing of WPC: man is charged

A 28-year-old unemployed man appeared in court yesterday charged with the attempted murder of policewoman Leslie Harrison. Stephen Doyle. of Everton.
Liverpool, said nothing during the 10-minute hearing before the city's magistrates. Reporting restrictions were

Mr Doyle also faced one charge of wounding, three of attempted wounding, another of attempted burglary, the unlawful taking of a taxi and driving without insurance. He made no application for bail, and was remanded in custody until January 6. Miss Harrison. 29. of Warrington, Cheshire, was said to be "making good progress" in a Liverpool hospital yesterday.

Windsor to reopen

Windsor Castle is to be reopened to the public next month at a reduced price so the fire damage can be viewed. The ruined St George's Hall and the Grand Reception Room will be on view behind protective screens. A spokeman said: "There is a lot of public interest in what has happened here and we need house? happened here and we may benefit if people can have a look at the fire damage. It will look pretty grotty, with just smoke-blackened walls." Work to restore the rooms, expected to last several years and cost £60 million, will continue as visitors look on. The castle reopens on January 16, and will charge £2.50, reduced from £4. About 800,00 visitors a year visited the castle before the fire last month.

Police get baby tip-off

Police are hoping a telephone tip-off from an anonymous caller will lead them to the mother of a new-born baby abandoned on a freezing golf course. Inquiries centred on the village of Carlton, Nottinghamshire, where a man who appeared to have knowledge of the mother telephone from a king just after midnight. It is four miles north of Workson when the knowledge of the Modelay Police Worksop, where the baby was found on Monday. Police believe the mother may need urgent medical attention. The baby was continuing to make a good recovery at Bassetlaw General Hospital, Worksop, where staff named him Christopher. He was put in a cot yesterday morning, his temperature has stabilised and he is feeding regularly.

Plea by murder police

Police seeking the killer of 14-year-old Johanna Young appealed yesterday to anyone who may be harbouring the murderer. Det Supt Michael Cole said: The killer undoubtedly would have been heavily mud-stained and may have suffered scratches from brambles. I ask families to consider this, with the serious nature of this crime, and, if they have any doubts about anyone close to them, inform us." The girl's body was found on Boxing day in woodland a mile from her home at Watton, Norfolk.

Speelman chases title

After three rounds of the Hastings chess tourna-ment Jon Speelman, right. the London grandmaster, shares the lead with favourite Evgeny Bareev from Moscow after beating the Hungarian Judit Polgar, 16, the world's youngest grandmaster. Bareev beat the lowly ranked British master Colin Crouch. Britons John Nuon and Matthew Sadler, in third and fifth positions, drew their



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game. Polgar is fourth. The players, who must face each other twice, have no games today. The competition ends on January 13. Full scores after round three: Bareev (Russia), Speelman (UK) 2½ points; Nunn (UK) 2; Polgar (Hungary), Sadler (UK) 1½; Poługaevski (Russia) 1; Crouch (UK), Gurevich (USA), ½.

Rider killed by horse

A university lecturer was crushed to death by her horse after it collapsed on top of her during a Boxing day ride, it was disclosed yesterday. Caroline Bell, 25, a psychology lecturer at Stafford University, had gone out alone into the countryside near her parents' home in Milford, Surrey, after lunch. She was found an hour later, trapped under her lifeless gelding Beadle, by walkers. Mr Bell, 52, a schoolteacher, said that he and his wife Nadine, 48, were already prepared for the worst when the news of Caroline's death reached them almost three hours after she set off. He said her death had wiped out a promising career as one of the youngest lecturers in the country.

Boy 'divorces' mother

A teenage boy whose mother constantly ridiculed him has won the right to live away from her, a solicitor said yesterday. The boy, 16, from Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, moved in with his grandparents after a ruling from a judge at Nottingham Crown Court on December 16. The mother is banned from contact with him. Mary Jolly, the solicitor who handled the case, said that the boy was made to eat away from his family and that his education was suffering. The mother was not informed of the hearing.

Dial 112 in emergency

A new Europe-wide emergency telephone number comes into effect tomorrow. Anyone dialling 112 will be linked to police, fire and ambulance in a scheme that will run parallel with 999 in Britain. The emergency number will help up to ten million Britons who visit the EC each year and millions of European visitors to the UK. BT said there was no question of 999 being scrapped. A European Commission spokesman said all 12 states had agreed to put the 112 number into operation during 1993.

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Cheaper home loans entice couples to switch from renting

BY IAN MURRAY

rent on an average house around here can be about

£400 a month, while the same

property on an 80 per cent

mortgage will only cost £270 a

month. That fact is proving a

of Alliance and Leicester, said:

There is evidence to suggest

that, for some, interest rates and property prices are now low enough to encourage

people to buy rather than to rent." He said that his group had seen a substantial in-crease in sales recently, with

sales were noticeably up on a

year ago. This is a very

encouraging sign although it

is too early to say whether it

Maureen Freeman, of GA

Property Services, said that

December had seen an aver-

age increase in business of 20 to 25 per cent over the same

month last year. There has

been a significant improve-

ment in the number of people coming through offices to

make enquiries and this held

up steadily through to Christ-

mas. There are also a lot more

properties which have been

sold subject to contract, which

marks a definite upurn."

Peter White, chief executive

YOUNG couples are leading ket and we can do nothing the way in a new house-buying boom, having discovered that it is cheaper to own their home than to rent one. Estate agents around the country confirmed yesterday that the first-time buyer can expect to pay up to a third less in mortgage repayments than in rent on a

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similar property.

"The difference can be as much as £200 a month," according to David Goldsworthy, an agent based in Ealing, west London, who specialises in rental property.
"It is all a question of affordability. Young couples are coming into my office now and saying they only want a short-term lease because they are thinking of buying in the

spring."
Mr Goldsworthy is president-elect of the National Association of Estate Agents, which claims that December has been the busiest month for three years, due to lower interest rates. "People are coming back into the buying market and opting out of renting," he said.

According to Keith Turner, Watford regional manager of the Cornerstone Abbey Nat-ional group agency: There has been a very encouraging December and we we are now hopeful it will follow through into the new year. The only factor that is missing is confidence in the employment mar-

pipeline leading into next about that. year. In January we will be "The ratio of house prices to monitoring what is happensalaries is at its lowest for ing with hearts pounding to many years and people have started to realise the real value see if they haven't spent all their savings in the sales and of their buying power. The stop buying houses."

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Mrs Freeman had also no-ticed people switching away from rented property. "Buying a house means people have more choice. They are asking: "What is this going to cost me a month?" and finding that a three-bedroomed house is around £75 a week to rent. For a similar sort of sum they can choose from a larger selection of houses for sale. Like for like. it is cheaper to buy than to

In Exeter, Ray Casling, director of the local agency Constables, said that business had picked up in the last week of November, which had been the best week his firm had seen for two years. The figures had been beaten in each

successive week in December:
"It is normally quite quiet
over Christmas, but there
seems to be a desire to go out and buy," he said. "The interest rates are at their lowest and those with secure jobs suddenly seem to have had enough of waiting and have decided, 'Let's go for it.' Prices may drop a little bit more over the next three months, but then we might see stability. That is what we need to create confi-





Parents abandon daughters

Continued from page I day after their parents left — when they splashed water into a heating vent while taking a bath, riggering a smoke alarm. Nicole tele-phoned the police emergency number and the two fled barefoot and screaming from

the house. Connie Stadelmann, the neighbour who discovered them, said: "I wrapped them up in blankers to warm them up and then I said. Where's your Mom or Dad? and they said, They're in Mexico.' How could anybody ever do this? Who could ever think that as parents they would go away for ten days and leave

their kids?" She said that Nicole had told the police that the two sisters had been left alone for four days last summer when their parents went to Massachusens. "For a long time, I was feeling really lonely and wondering what they were doing." Nicole told a local

television station. Police said Mr and Mrs Schoo were apparently unaware that they faced arrest on their return to Chicago. Neither said anything as they were led from the aircraft.

They did not ask about their daughters, but did ask if they could collect their luggage—
arousing speculation that they might have brought their children Christmas presents.

"It's a possibility," a police sergeant said. "They had a tremendous amount of carryon luggage with them, and luggage they checked in."

Glue attack milkman recovers

THE eyes of the mugged milkman Adrian Stayte re-mained superglued closed yesterday, but doctors were hopeful that he would able to

see again within a few days. Mr Stayte was at home yesterday in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, where his wife Jeanette regularly bathed his eyelids with a solvent to weaken the supergiue and make it flake off. He also had a further hospital check-up.

Dairies, offered a £1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Mr Stayte's attackers. Roger Workman, the managing director, said: "This was such a vicious act that we felt we had to do something."
Mr Stayte said that when

the glue was squirted into his eyes "it really string", and went on: "I was terrified as I suddenly realised what it is to be blind. But I am hopeful that in three to four days I shall be able to see again. Only a very small amount of glue got past my eyelids and touched one eye but the doctors think it will be OK."

Two men attacked Mr Stayte at 3.45am on Tuesday on his round in Cheltenham.

Teenagers look to **Europe for jobs**

A SURVEY of teenage atti-tudes published yesterday raises the prospect of a "youth drain" to the Continent. More than three-quarters of the 13 to 17-year-olds questioned (78 per cent) said they would be happy to work in Europe if they found the right job. Only 13 per cent said they would not consider working in

another European country. Nearly half (45 per cent) of the teenagers questioned in the TSB Major's Children '92 survey supported a single European currency and more than a third (39 per cent) thought it was great to be part of the EC. But the teenagers were by no means Eurofanatics. Thirty per cent thought the EC compounded Britain's problems, compared

with 22 per cent who did not. Northerners were the most committed Europeans, with 82 per cent saying they would like to work on the Continent. Dr David Lewis, a psychologist who helped to compile the survey, said: "Maybe this is because they are further away from Europe, Distance lends a certain enchantment."

Frank Wilson, who also helped to compile the survey, said British teenagers were far more familiar with Europe than previous generations. "They showed an enormous level of knowledge and interest in the Community," he

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, a former president of the European Commission, was heartened that so many teenagers wanted to work in Europe. "This suggests that whatever the intricacies of Maastricht there is a groundswell of Europe," he said yesterday. "I have always believed that anti-European feelings in this country come from politicians rather than the public."

The youngsters, who were dubbed the "gentle genera-tion" when they were first interviewed in the spring, are now the "hardy generation" as they cope with the deepening recession. Ten per cent have seen their fathers lose their jobs this year and a fifth of the 17-year-olds interviewed have still not found jobs after leaving school in the summer. Of the four out of five who failed to find work, almost half have gone back to education to "sit out the recession".

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Birthday blues send Floyd's customers running for cover By ROBIN YOUNG

KEITH Floyd, the television cook known as the guzzling gourmet because of the fre-quency with which he lifts a wine glass to his lips while cooking, suffers from Christmas birthday syndrome. That, at least, is his excuse for marking his birthday this week by throwing a tantrum in his own pub. hurling glasses at rows of whisky bottles behind the bar, driving customers into the street and walking out

Mr Floyd was 49 on December 28. If only he had been born on Christmas day, according to a survey of Who's Who publications, events might have been quite different. Mr Floyd attributes the

origin of his outburst to his belief that his Shannagh had neglected to give him a hirthday present. After recovering some degree of composure at a neighbouring hostehy, he said: "I have behaved in an utterly disgusting manner

and I am ashamed of myself.
"I know it sounds childish and ridiculous but when your birthday is a few days after Christmas nobody ever bothers to buy you a birthday present. It is something that has got to me ever since

I was a little boy."

Mrs Floyd said resterday: "I did give Keith four or five presents, including a globe. When he unwrapped it on Christmas day I told him it was his birthday present. There could have been some

confusion on the day." It had been planned that friends and customers at Mr Floyd's pub, the Maltsters' Arms at Tuckenhay near Totnes in Devon, should



Floyd: "I know it sounds childish"

celebrate their host's birth-day with oysters and caviar. Mrs Floyd said: "As it happened, he chose to go missing from about 11.30am until 3pm, when he came back and cleared the bar and ordered me out too. There was never an opportunity to lay his birth-

day treat out." Mr Floyd wowed yester-day at the Waterman's Arms that he would not return to his wife, though Mrs Floyd insisted that her husband

was forgiven.

He said: "I am fed up with being the bad guy. Everywhere I go people expect me to be the laughing. happy person they see on TV with a glass of wine in his hand, but no one can be like that all the time. The other Keith Floyd is not allowed to People with birthdays

close to Christmas frequently complain that their anniversaries are subsumed in the greater festivities, but research has shown that those born on December 25 enjoy enhanced chances of

A study of 9,000 people in Who's Who publications showed 600 hirthday listings for December 1. ings for December 25, more than 15 times the rate that would have been expected. High-ranking clergy, such as bishops, were found to be four times more likely to be born on Christmas day than any other date.

if it is any consolation to Mr Floyd, those born on December 28 include the American President Wood-row Wilson (1856); Philip Wilson Steer, the impressionist painter (1860); and Earl "Fatha" Hines, the jazz pianist (1903). He and Mrs Floyd might like to know, too, that December 28 is also the feast day of the Holy Innocents.

The great switching of channels: on the eve of ITV franchise transfer, The Times traces the colourful

Lights out at TV-am as thinking pink fails to save success story

Reports by Melinda Wittstock Media Correspondent

BRUCE Gyngell, the man bitter 1988 strike. Audience credited with transforming a ratings actually rose by 10 per near-bankrupt TV-am into one of the world's most profitable television stations, stood up in Claridges' ballroom 14 months ago to read a letter handwritten on Commons notepaper. "Dear Bruce: When I see how some of the other licences have been awarded, I am mystified that you did not receive yours, and heartbroken . . . I am only 100 painfully aware that I was responsible for the legislation.

Yours, Margaret." Today, TV-am broadcast for the last time, massively outbid by GMTV in Margaret Thatcher's discredited blindbid ITV auction.

Mr Gyngell, a charismatic Australian transcendental meditator with a belief in the mystical properties of the colour pink, became known as the former prime minister's

cent when the channel was forced to broadcast repeats of Happy Days and Batman until it could teach secretaries how to operate carnera equipment vacated by 229 sacked technicians. Soon afterwards, Mrs Thatcher denounced broadcasting unions as "the last bastion of restrictive practices" and introduced the auction that ultimately lost TV-am

Since then, TV-am has retained a loyal audience of more than two million each morning despite a round of dramatic cost-cutting which involved handing news coverage to Sky News, replacing much of its political coverage with new "light" items and new cartoon slots.

In its ten-year life, TV-am produced more catchphrases. characters and dramatic scenes than most broadcasters



nately, none of these moments was ever part of the programming, from Anna Ford's winethrowing and David Frost's talk of "sexual chemistry" on the set during the days of the "Famous Five", to Mr Gyngell's demand that the staff "think pink" and "pool spiritual energy" during the

franchise round. Following the abject failure of its upmarket early days. TV-am introduced a furry puppet named Roland Rat, pastel sofas and breezy banter between two unknown presenters named Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Greg Dyke, the mind be-

and pap" breakfast fare in TVmillion viewers each week am's Egg Cup studios at Camden Lock, increased audi-70 per cent of the breakfast audience - TV-am could surences from 200,000 to 1.5 vive. But it was not to be. Mr million. But when Mr Gyngell Gyngell, shell-shocked by his arrived in 1984, one of his first demands was for budget loss, described the ITC's decision as "a travesty" and precuts. Mr Dyke resigned to become LWT's millionaire dicted that GMTV would be bankrupt by 1994.
GMTV will be handicapped by its large annual chief executive. Seven years later, he ousted TV-am as a

20 per cent shareholder in

GMTV, which bid £34.6 mil-

lion against TV-am's £14.1

million to become the latest

purveyor of quizzes, fitness

tips, cartoons, news, showbiz

interviews and "lonely hearts"

Sharply rebuked in 1988 by

the IBA, the Independent

Television Commission's pre-

decessor, and warned that it

would lose its licence if it did

not improve programme qual-

ity. TV-am invested in its news operation. Its authoritative re-

ports during the Gulf war won

it a letter of congratulation

from Sir George Russell, the

Mr Gyngell was convinced

matchmaking tomorrow.

payments to the Treasury, a crippling advertising recession and herce competition for ratings and revenue from The Big Breakfast, Channel 4's early morning offering which has confounded its critics with peak audiences of one million. But Mr Dyke is bullish: "We are big, rich companies involved in this. We don't have

to make huge profits early on." This month, TV-am finally abandoned hope of new television business, announcing a £27 million capital repayment to shareholders with 40p-a-share interim dividends paid two days ago.

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Last exit: Bruce Gyngell, who transformed TV-am, predicts doom for GMTV



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TVS seeks blessed relief from decade of disaster

LOSS of an ITV franchise used to mean certain death at the hands of a liquidator. Fortunately for TVS Entertainment, which tonight hands over the lucrative licence for southeast England to Meridian Broadcasting, there

could be a reincarnation. If the Rev Pat Robertson can overcome opposition from a few TVS shareholders to his £43.5 million takeover bid. the American television evangelist's International Family Entertainment will use TVS programmes to launch a British satellite channel that could bring together such attractions as The Mary Tyler Moore Show, Hill Street Blues, the Ruth Rendell detective mysteries and The Waltons.

But if the deal gets blocked. TVS must stare mortality in the face, just as Southern Television did 12 years ago when it was ousted by TVS against all the odds.

TVS, whose programmes never lived up to its promises and whose ambitious acquisitions never lived up to City expectations, was long-regarded as the most vulnerable of the ITV companies going into the 1991 blind-bid auction. Even its attempts to thwart the auction proposals proved a

disaster. The company commissioned a full-page advertisement showing a halfnaked young woman under the headline "Italian house-wives do it on TV", intended as a warning against the dangers of deregulated television. But when it emerged that the "Italian housewife" was actually an English model from Staines, that Italian television stations no longer broadcast "strip-tease shows" and that TVS had a stake in SuperChannel, which was proposing to screen "sex comedies", the embarrassment at TVS was almost unbearable.

Meanwhile, grandiose promises to break the cosy programme-supply cartel of the "Big Five" ITV companies (Thames, Granada, Yorkshire, Central and LWT) never materialised. Repeated

attempts to find decent network slots for science, music and arts programmes always ended in failure, while "showcase" drama productions such as CATS Eyes and The Brief were panned by critics. A "mid-term report" from the Independent Broadcasting Authority in 1985 said that

TVS had "some way to go". Instead of accepting life as a regional broadcaster - as Anglia, HTV and Scottish had done - James Gatward, its former chief executive, hardened his resolve and soon embarked on a dizzying array of acquisitions designed to make TVS too big to be ignored by the big boys. His



blueprint for success resulted in the disastrous £190 million 1988 takeover of MTM Mary Tyler Moore's Hollywood production house which had broken all the rules of US prime time television by proving that quality programmes from Hill Street Blues and St Elsewhere — could sell.
TVS suddenly had access to

the American networks. But unbeknown to Mr Gatward. or City stockbrokers who marked up the TVS share price, the US syndication market had collapsed. Profits warnings from TVS soon followed and by 1990 the City darling of the television industry had lost his £250.000-ayear-job in a boardroom coup.

Rudolph Agnew, the former chairman of Consolidated Goldfields, took over. But what he thought would be a surefire way of retaining the licence in an auction favouring the highest cash bidder backfired. A ludicrously high bid of £59.8 million a year was rejected on the ground that it could not sustain the programme promises. Only the intervention of the Rev Robertson can rescue it now.

Cameras shed light on hidden antiques

THE BBC's Antiques Road-show celebrates its 150th programme when a new series starts next month, and there is still no sign of Britain's hidden hoards of treasure drying up. After 15 years the Sunday show has become compulsive viewing for millions and has raised awareness that almost any home could contain a potential treasure trove. "Roadshow still attracts

large crowds wherever it goes," its presenter, Hugh Scully, said, "It's a delight to be associated with this, the most spontaneous programme on television. We have no idea of what the day will bring, but we are rarely disappointed. I never cease to be amazed at how many of Britain's treasures keep pouring in and, of course, it is the owners as well as the antiques that help to make the show such a success."

In Kingsbridge, Devon. two drawings bought at an Ordam shop during the war become the subject of an investigation

by the expert Peter Nahum to see if they are genuine. One is thought to be a Titian and the other by Veronese, which together could be worth a fortune. The results of checks will be reported later.

Other freasures unearthed in the series, which begins a 12-week run on BBC1 on January 3, include a painting in Beaulieu, Hampshire, which used to hang in a boilerroom, covered in coal dust and nicknamed Piggy by its owner. It turns out to be a fine example of the 19th century English artist John Vine, worth £8,000.

A piece of furniture sent for scrap 30 years ago in Berwickupon-Tweed. Northumberland, but saved from the dusteart by a neighbour who needed a table, turns out to be a George II walnut desk worth £6,500. A watercolour landscape of the Middle East is an 1866 work by the poet Edward Lear and worth £6.000,

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Bitter Thames signs off but rejects talk of closedown

THAMES Television, once the jewel in the crown of the ITV network, ceases broadcasting at midnight tonight after 25 years.

From 10:45pm to 11:55pm, when the rest of the network gives way to ITN for the countdown to the new year and a new era of commercial broadcasting, London viewers will get a chance to wax nostalgic, with a montage of clips including The Naked Civil Servant, The World At War. The Sweeney, Morecombe and Wise and Death on the Rock.

What was initially to be a four-hour finale hosted by Thames's best known stars was, like Thames itself, curtailed by its ITV rivals, adding insult to the injury of losing its licence in last year's blind-bid auction and being denied the chance to launch the nation's fifth terrestrial channel. At least BBC2 rescheduled a tribute to Granada Television.

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originally planned for tonight.
But as champagne corks fly
at Carlton, its successor, there
will be no wake at the Euston
Road offices of Thames at
midnight. "Thames didn't
die. It will be much more of a
celebration of a new beginning," Richard Dunn, its
chief executive, said.

He is adamant that his company can look forward to a profitable future, confounding those who questioned its survival as an independent producer. Next year The Bill, Minder, Wish You Were Here and Mr Bean will still figure prominently in ITV schedules.

"Even without Channel 5. we believe we may have a business that proves as valuable as owning the London weekday licence and paying the Treasury E33 million [Thames's cash bid] for the privilege," Mr Dunn said. Thames has promised its shareholders a turnover next year of more than £100 million, half of which will come from production. The rest will come from UK Gold, the satellite channel that broadcasts Thames and BBC repeats; Thames International, its distribution arm; Reeves, its American production com-



pany: Teddington Studios, which has attracted business from the BBC and big independent producers; and its investment in Astra, the satellite company that trans-

mits BSkyB's six channels.

Although Thames's future is rosier than many of its rivals, particularly Cariton, might have hoped, a residue of bitterness remains. It was Mr Dunn, as the former ITV Association chairman, who spearheaded a campaign to ameliorate the worst abuses of the franchise auction legislation by securing a "quality threshold" and an "exceptioncircumstances" dause, which was meant to be used to award an ITV licence to a lower cash bidder provided its programme plans were of higher quality than those of its deeper-pocketed rivals. Mr Dunn still believes the ITC treated Thames shabbily by not invoking the exceptional circumstances clause to take account of its formidable record, despite a bid £10

million lower than Carlton's

£43 million. Thames's reputation for quality current affairs prorammes had been buoyed in 1987 by Death on the Rock, the documentary about the SAS shootings of three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar. That controversial hour of television made Mrs Thatcher's blood boil at the time when the government was considering proposals for the blind-bid auction, "I am beyond anger, the former prime minister said about Death on the Rock, which had been cleared by the IBA, the Independent Television Commission's regulatory predecessor, and later by independent enquiry an

Station pays a high price for failed bid

By Louise Hidalgo

TELEVISION South West, like TVS, lost its franchise after only ten years as a broadcaster and despite putting in a higher bid than its challenger for the audiences of Cornwall, Devon and west Dorset.

The decision led to one of

the most acrimonious legal battles of the franchise round. Westcountry TV, which takes over at midnight, won the franchise with a bid of only £7.82 million, less than half the £16.2 million bid by TSW. The loser appealed, calling the decision "unfair and irrational". TSW took particular offence at the Independent Television Commission's dis-

missal of its business plan as "imprudent and unrealistic.
The judicial review that followed went all the way to the House of Lords, and lasted months. The battle has cost TSW dear. Only 16 of its 297 staff have been employed by



the new franchise holder.
Many of those who have already lost their jobs, and the 100 who will do so after today, have not found employment. The company has yet to find a buyer for its prime site studios

in central Plymouth.

TSW's only solace may be the deep uncertainty which has dogged the birth of its successor. Westcountry TV based its bid on the pledge that it would focus on regional programmes. The delay means four of the regional centres it promised will not be opening until late next year.

The way it isn't



Next Year in Full Part IV

September 5: The new controller of BBCl, Janet Street-Porter, sets out to establish a reputation for seriousness with the announcement that the 9 O'Clock News will be extended to an hour. That way, we'll be able to include all the latest in top disco sounds plus a full run-down of the reggae charts," she

September 10: The shortlist for the Booker Prize is condemned for its narrowness. "Where on the list is the Tasmanian woman writer under 35 writing about the effects of the ERM on the Welsh rural community, that's what I'd like to know." complains one critic.

September 25: ITN news-

caster Trevor McDonald hits back at those who suggest he sometimes puts emphasis on the wrong words. "They are talking non-sense," he says. October 2: Lynda La Plante defends her new series. Brothers in Crime, in which a squad of retired monks performs ruthless bank

robberies while drinking and swearing at one another. "I wanted to draw attention to the plight of retired monks," she explains. "I hope this might prevent them entering a life of crime."

October 10: The world of entertainment is shocked

at John Osborne's speech as he accepts a new award. "He just said 'thank you' and expressed his gratitude to everyone who'd helped him," said one onlooker. "We were all utterly flabbergasted, and we certainly won't be inviting him.

again."
October 29: This year's
Oscar for best movie goes
to a film with just one
cannibal, three rapes and a
mass-murder. "It was time
to honour a movie for all
the family," explains an



Party mood fades to black

SADNESS, resignation and anger will predominate in the newsrooms and studios of the four independent television stations that will be swept off air at midnight tonight (Louise Hidalgo writes).

When Thames Television hands over to the ITN newsroom for the last time, there will be only a skeleton staff at its Euston Road studios to mark the passing of 25 years as a broadcaster. "We have already had the farewell parties," said Roy Addison, a Thames spokesman.

Thames spokesman.

At TSW, which hands over to Westcountry TV, those staff that remain will be commiserating in a "fade to black" party. "It suits the mood here resigned sadness," one employee said.

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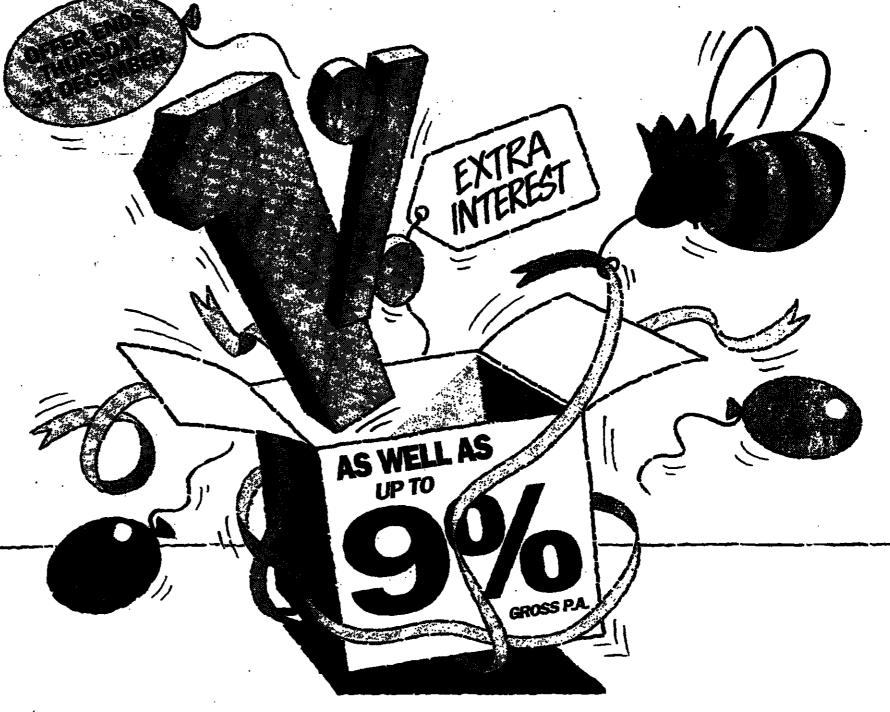
TV-am is marking its demise in its hallmark flamboyant style, with a champagne brunch after its last broadcast at 10am. As TVS goes off the air in Southampton, Meridian Broadcasting's staff, many of them former TVS employees, will be celebrating in the studio.

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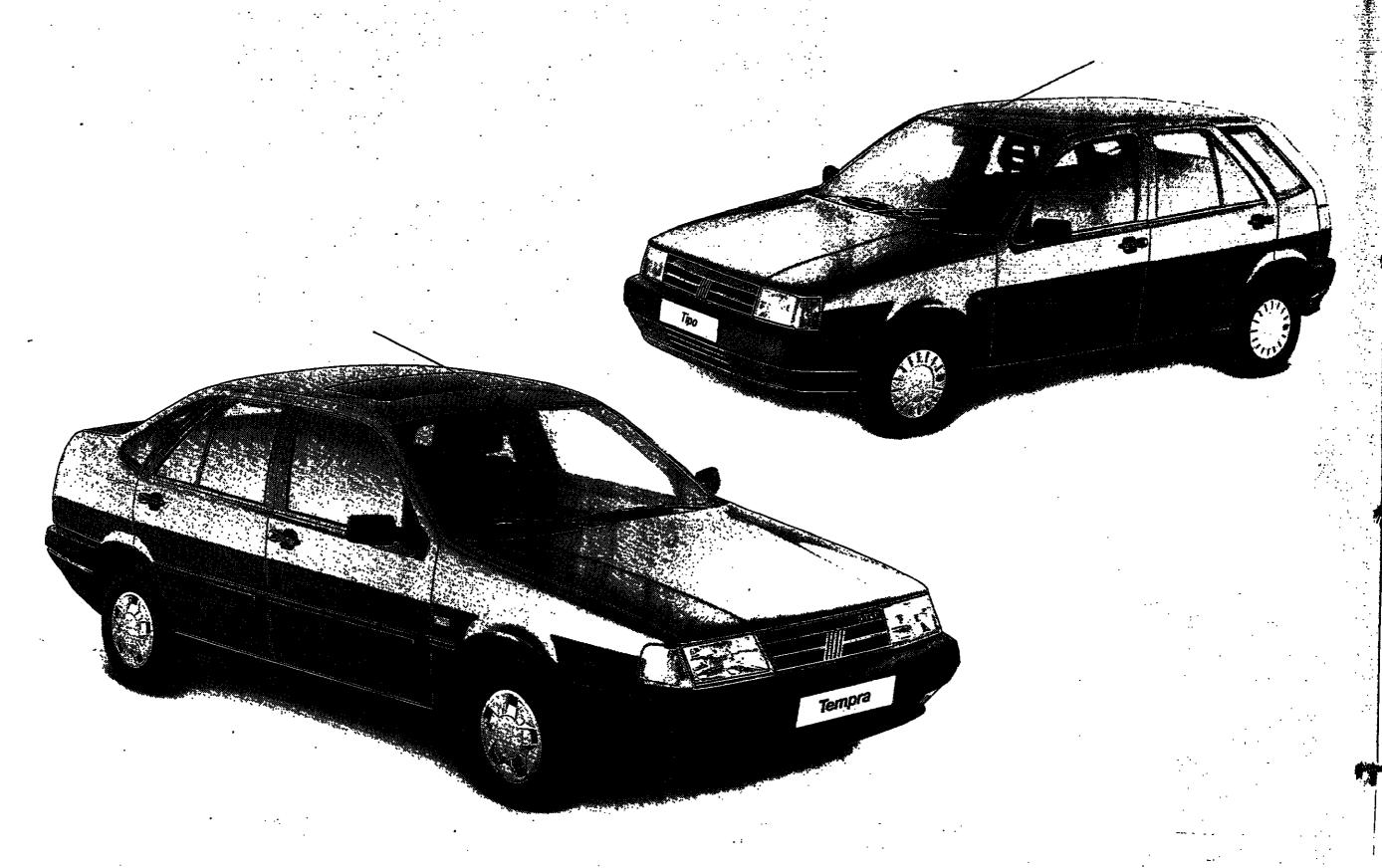
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Consumers get raw gloat over triumph

THE imminent arrival of the European single market has had the Brussels Eurocrats crowing and the outgoing British presidency in raptures at its own efforts in tying up the final details. But consumer organisations have refused to join the party, pointing to gaping holes in the market. After listening to their argu-ments, it is difficult to see what

is in the new market for the consumer, for whom little will be different next year.

Richard Needham, the British trade minister who has chained the EC's single market council of ministers for the last six months, points to the following achievements: Massive reduction in bureaucracy; 60 million fewer official frontier check forms a

year, with up to 10 million documents in Britain alone rendered unnecessary;

British business to benefit by nearly £300 million over the next five years with the elimination of tax and frontier

controls; ☐ The abolition of red and green customs channels.

If the prospect of a liberalised transport market ending high tariffs and poor services. [] Mutual recognition of professional qualifications: Removal of national bias in public procurement contracts:



Needham: chaired the single-market council

Safety standards in food law which allow greater choice favourites, such as the British

The rub is that many of the claims are only half true and that the most obvious benefits are for businesses doing crossborder trade. Even here there is hardly mass rejoicing.
"Nothing will change and the consumer will see nothing different at all," says Brian Young, chief executive of the British glassmaker Pilkington's European headquarters in Brussels.

"More paperwork will disappear and there will be more electronic data; we'll become more of a paperless society. It's become easier to do business in Europe over the years, and January 1 is just another date in that process."

Riders can be added to almost all of Mr Needham's points. A single market in transport is certainly not an immediate prospect: Europe's



airlines continue to be largely government monopolies well insulated from market forces; and hanlage companies will have to wait years before they can compete on an equal footing outside their domestic markets. Opening up public procurement (worth 16 per cent of the EC's annual E4.3 billion GDP) to competition is also a slow process.

The consumer's frustration is summed up by Virginia Graham, of the Union of European Consumers Associations (BEUC): "I think the European Commission can stand accused of misleading advertising."
Unice, the Brussels-based

employers' federation, claims that EC border checks help to reduce the average speed of a long trip from Scotland to Greece to about 12 mph, "not much better than a stagecoach", says one official, who says transport efficiency will be doubled and that when lorries are permitted to pick up loads other countries, roads should become freer of traffic. Such -claims are hard to believe when it is still the case that in Belgium canals cannot be used on Sundays because

the locks are shut. Unice predicts that by 2000, the single market will be truly complete. It expects European competitors to have emerged to fight the Japanese domination of consumer electronics, but also predicts there will be fewer firms around. Mergers such as that between Volvo and Renault are just the start. The whole heavy engineering industry, once companies actually have to fight

be radically restructured. The consumer will have more choice and a more flexible interpretation of what exactly constitutes a "British" product, says Unice. Even if Ĵaguars are made in American-owned General Motors factories in Germany, they will be thought of as British because the designs will be shaped in Britain. Research and development money will be directed more closely, with industrial firms co-operating on big projects instead of trying to outwit each other over the same gadgets. Indus-trial development will follow

the Japanese model. Unice and Commission officials predict that government as well as business will be deregulated. They expect the economic impetus of the single market to lead to increasing regionalisation in Europe and a resurgence of

minority languages and local 20vernment.

Increasing economic free-dom should help Europe achieve the federal goals of Maastricht. These same officials claim that between 1985 and 1990, the single market programme helped to create 15 million jobs in Europe as firms raced one another to make alliances and acquisitions, and third-country companies, notably Japanese, set up EC operations.

The single market has sparked panic headlines in Tokyo and New York, where fears of "fortress Europe" have risen again. Opinion polls show that EC citizens do not necessarily see the connection between establishing a single market and a politically federal Europe. But then neither did Margaret Thatcher, a profound Euro-sceptic who always supported the 1993 single market programme.



checkpoint warnings for motorists on the French/German frontier

Sir Leon thwarted by a cartel too far

pean Community Group reck-ons there is a 15 per cent chance of a single EC market in cars developing by 1995. Surveys by consumer groups pointing to price differentials of up to 40 per cent on the same models across the EC are already well documented, and certainly consumers will find few changes in the EC from

The car industry has proved cartel too far for Sir Leon Brittan, the competition policy commissioner, who has left it with a few well-meaning codes of conduct but handly a final denouement. The system of exclusive dealerships, otherwise known as cartels, will continue until 1995 and beyond if makers can prove that price differentials are down to

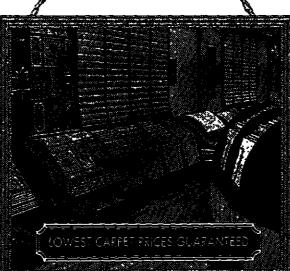
about 12 per cent. One plus point is that at least new models should come to market quicker under a new single EC approval system that replaces the system of getting 12 different dearance certificates for each new car part. But even this remains voluntary until 1997. Increased harmonisation of

THE Consumers in the Euro- cars will lead to some small changes on the EC's roads. The familiar sight of French cars with yellow headlights will disappear, replaced by cheaper white headlights. Catalytic conventers will be obligatory on all new cars from January I, and licence plates will be more standardised. Japanese cars will still have restricted access to the EC

market, with an overall EC quota replacing national quotas, BEUC, the union of European consumers organ-isations, predicts a shortfall of small and medium-sized Japanese cars, as Tokyo takes up most of its quota with the more expensive executive models. Tariffs on a medium-sized Japanese car in Britain are estimated at about £2,000. Free access is not expected

until the end of the decade. Buying a car abroad will be made no easier, although the industry has agreed to publish comparative prices of models across the EC twice yearly. beginning in May.

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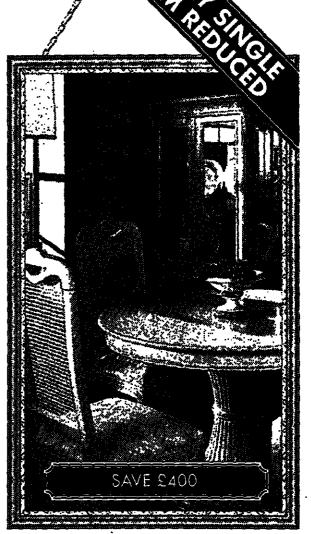
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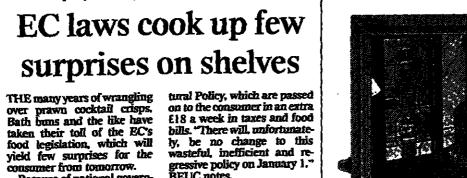
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produce from familiar sources, for the most part

labelled in the familiar way. Proposals on food hygiene, labelling and the use of addi-tives are all incomplete for the moment. Instead, food will simply have to meet national

osminimum EC standards. Consumer groups are wary of even these proposals reaching the statute book. BEUC, the union of European consumers associations, has said that if the present text on additives in food is adopted, some countries may be forced to accept certain additives for the first time. In the absence of any EC agreement on how to label goods. BEUC says that "consumers will be especially vulnerable in the single

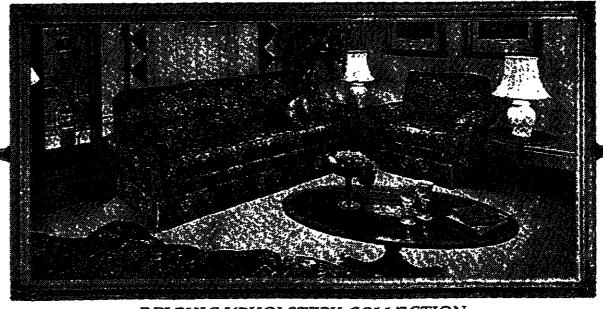
Consumer groups have also long complained about the costs of the Common Agricully, he no change to this wasteful, inefficient and regressive policy on January 1." BEUC notes.

The consumer's ultimate saviour in the food sector could be the European Court of Justice, which has consistently argued that as long as a food is correctly labelled, it should be allowed across barriers. It has already established, for example, that Italy cannot block imports of pasta made of soft wheat rather than the classic durum wheat as long as the type of wheat is

listed on the packet. To meet French demands on the protection of foods, notably cheeses, EC law now records 32 cheeses that have appellation d'origine controlée. Roquefort must come from Roquefort, but a generic term such as Camembert has only limited protection. The Germans or the Dutch can produce Camembert, but not, for example, Camembert de Normandie, which must be

from Normandy.

Another EC safeguard on food quality is that a product can be made anywhere, but only according to a specific recipe. That rule even extends to describing whether a tomato is grown outdoors.

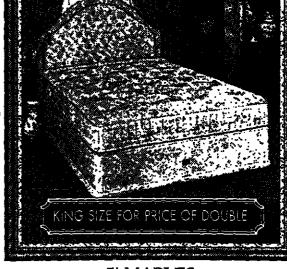


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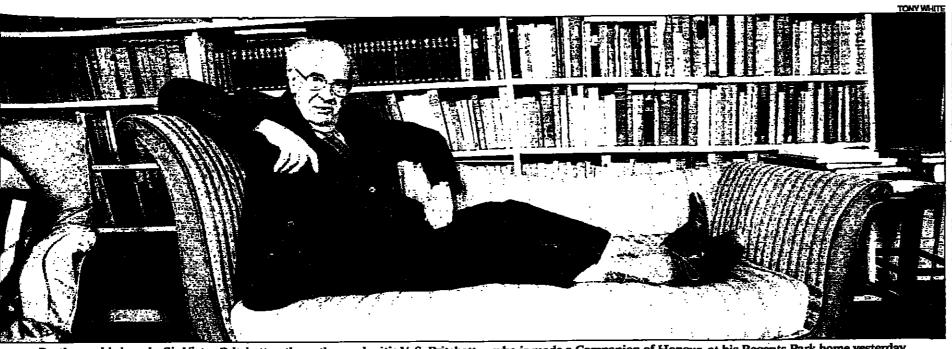
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NEW YEAR HONOURS 9

Williams completes gang of four in Lords

SHIRLEY Williams, former Labour minister and one of the gang of four that broke away to form the Social Democratic Party, is the only person to be created a life peer. Other women appointed to top honours include the novelist Catherine Cookson, Kate Adie, the television reporter, Margaret Price, the opera singer, and Annette Penhaligon, widow of the late

MENTAL MENTAL SERVICE

MP David Penhaligon. Mrs Williams, 62, a lecturer at Harvard University in the United States, was tipped to be the first female prime minister. She held several positions in Labour government, including education secretary, but lost her seat in 1979 when the Conservatives came to

Alarmed at what she saw as Labour's move to the left, she formed the SDP with Lords Jenkins, Owen and Rodgers. She was the first elected SDP MP — winning Crosby at a by-election in 1981 — but will be the last of the gang of four to take a seat in the House of Lords.

She lost her seat in Crosby in 1983 and although she gained a reputation as an excellent lecturer in the United States, friends said she missed political life. Her elevation to the Lords fulfils her own prediction four years ago that she would eventually come home to a role that could be "anything from standing for the European Parliament to playing some role in the House of Lords".

Mrs Cookson, 86, is one of six new dames. The bestselling author of historical romances becomes a DBE for services to charity, although she recently scaled down the

Royal Red Cross

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Queen's Police Medal

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Queen's Fire Service Medal

Catherine Cookson Foundation because of the huge number of begging letters she received. "I feel just like Cinderella

because I started my working life in the kitchen, then met a handsome prince in the shape of my husband. I am amazed and humbled," said Mrs Cookson last night. She added that she would like to meet the Queen. When she was created an OBE six years ago she was too ill to travel to Buckingham Palace and received the insignia from the Prince of Wales when he visted the North East

Miss Penhaligon becomes a dame for services to politics. Her husband, Liberal MP for Truro, was killed in a car crash in 1986 but she has continued her interest in politics and is now a member of Carrick council in Cornwall. "I joined the Liberal party with David at the 1964 general election, and I suspect the honour is as much his as it is mine," she

Margaret Price, 51, the



Shirley Williams: only new life peerage

Colonial Police and Fire

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Imperial Service Order

HED CHOSSIPOLICE/FIRE/AIR

Welsh soprano long regarded abroad as one of Britain's finest opera singers, also becomes a dame. She made her debut 30 years ago, singing the part of the page Cherubino in a Welsh National Opera production of The Marriage of Figaro. Today she is renowned as an interpreter of Mozart.

Mary Glen Haig, 74, the former Olympic fencer and gold-medal winner at two Commonwealth Games, becomes a dame for services tosport. She is one of Britain's two representatives on the International Olympic Committee; the other is the Princess Royal. Anne McLaren, a research fellow at King's College, Cambridge, and the Honourable Mary Drum-

Service, also become dames. Kate Adie, 47, the BBC's chief news correspondent, is appointed an OBE. The intrepid reporter, who first became a household name when she reported on the American bombing of Libya in 1986, has a reputation as a fearless news gatherer who will not let officialdom get in her way.

mond, national chairman of

the Women's Royal Voluntary

An OBE will be received by Anne Snelling, headteacher of Stratford Grant-Maintained School, east London, who was at the centre of a long-running dispute in which the governors threatened disciplinary action for alleged racism. Later the allegations against her were withdrawn.

Also honoured is Sally Gunnell, the 26-year-old farmer's daughter from Chigwell, Essex, who won the 400m hurdles at the Barcelona Olympics. She is created an MBE.



On top of the world: David Frost first earned fame for irreverent satire in the 1960s, but is now beloved of the establishment. He receives a knighthood

Edward Mirzoeff, who pro-

duced and directed the ac-

claimed BBC film Elizabeth

R. which chronicled the Queen's working life, and Sir

Antony Jay, who wrote the accompanying book, are both made CVOs, as is Viscount

Norwich for his part in the

The royal television camera-

man Phillip Bonham-Carter

and sound engineer Peter

Elizabeth R. become lieuten-

Queen marks her gratitude

SOME of the people who helped to take the edge off the Queen's "annus horribilis" are today formally thanked with the award of personal honours.

Thirteen people who helped to mark the happier aspects of the fortieth year of her reign receive their reward in a special list approved by the Queen.

It was issued by Buckingham Palace alongside the main list of recipients of the Royal Victorian Order - an honour in the personal gift of the Queen bestowed on those

KCVO

Ponsonby, Sir Ashley Charles Gibbs.

Younger of Prestwick, Baron

George Kenneth Hotson.

CVO: I F Faletau: Viscount Nor-

wich; K L Richardson; Maj T E S Aubyn; J Stevens: R D Gill; Sir A Jay; E O Mirzoeff.

LVO: Mrs J Adams: P Bonham-Carter; W G Buchanan: Mrs C P Clay, P L Edwards: R S French: N Labovith; Cdr D Newing, RN (nd): G Nolan: Lady A M R Oswald: Lady Riddell; A P Smyth; Mrs J Stevens.

MVO: A B Armstrong: Ch Insp J D Askew, Met Pol; E J Baker; Insp

Dawson, Dr Anthony Michael.

Carford, (John) Robin.

who have served the royal family in any one of dozens of capacities.

Lord Younger of Prestwick. formerly Cabinet minister George Younger, becomes a knight commander of the order for chairing the trustees of the Royal Anniversary Trust, while Robin Gill, who headed the trust's day-to-day running, is made a commander of the order.

The trust organised events to mark the anniversary. including the Sovereign Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert museum.

R F Barrell, Met Pol; Mrs L A

Callander; T L Corby: Mrs C Goode; Mrs D Grahame; B J

Herring; Miss P A Lewis; A J Lygo; J P Manley; Mrs H F Ryan;

Royal Victorian Medal

Bar to RVM (silver): T Galbraith.

RVM (silver): PO Marine Engrg

Mech D Bosomworth, RN; Sgt G P R Cole, RAF: W E M Cotton;

Miss E M Dagley; PCT B George, Met Pol; T R Hampstead; T J A Hicks; F Kirkparrick; M R Puzey; J Regan; W J Robb; Sgt D L Spouge, RAF; R G Welbelove; M

J Spencer.

ants of the order. Among the 42 names in the main Royal Victorian Order list are the Queen's physician, HEYALYI TERDALORDER Dr Anthony Dawson, who

Sovereign exhibition.

receives a knighthood. Tom Corby, former court correspondent of the Press Association, and Chief Inspector John Askew, who was formerly a plainclothes police officer with the Duke and Duchess of York, both become members of the order.

Royal Victorian Medals go to Terence Hicks, site manager with Metropolitan Window Cleaning, whose firm has the contract for Buckingham Paiace, Evelyn Dagley, who was the Princess of Wales's dresser for more than ten years, and Mervyn Wycherley, the Prince of Wales's senior chef.

S Wycherley, Radio Superv W J Young, RN.

Order of the Bath GCB

CBE G May, Air Cdre G J D Maynard; Gp Capt R S Peacock-Edwards.

OBE

MBE

WO R Alderson; WO T B Ballantyne: Son Lar J Bell: F L:W G F Blair, RAFVR (traing): WO S P Broaders; Son Lar D L Bruce: Son Lar D Clinging freid; Son Lar D Clinging freid; Son Lar J G Ewins, RAF Regt. MST Altrew P G Glbson; Son Lar F J Grover: F L: M W Haywood: Son Lar F J Grover: F L: M W Haywood: Son Lar C D Hill: MST Altrew D M MeDougali: WO A J Miller: Son Lar H O'Neill, RAFVR (redd: WO M V O'Reilly, RAF, Son Lar R C Peer, RAF, Son Lar F L Buthen, RAF (redd: FO B A Sallis; Son Lar J H Simpson; WO B I Smith; WO W Walker (redd; Son Lar T B J Yarrow. RAF.

F Sgt K Ash, RAF Regt; Sgt P J Boden: F
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Davis; Sgt G B Forster; F Sgt T R Hand:
Cpl C F Hodge: F Sgt P Kirkpatrick: F
Sgt S M Long: Sgt C M NeAseer; WRAF;
F Sgt D H A Meldrum; F Sgt R Mitchell;
F Sgt D W Morgan; Sgt I M Rolland;
Sgt M J Shirmons; F Sgt A Snitt; F
Sgt G Tweddie: Sgt M E Woodhead,
WRAP; F Sgt R W Wright.

nesslike approach to work at the quango has earned him equal amounts of praise and criticism. is made a CVO.

> Evelyn Glennie, reckoned to be the world's foremost solo percussionist despite her deafness, is made an OBE, Her talent — she rarely plays with an orchestra - has unlocked a new world of sounds for

> his collections of short stories.

A STATE COMPANIES AND

KNIGHTS Jeffries, John Francis, former judge of High Court. Mason, Gordon Charles, JP, services to local government. Wallis, Timothy Williams, for services to deer farming, export

Order of St Michael and St George CMG: Prof M Clark, serv to educ D S Thomson, for publ serv. Order of the British Empire

and the community.

DBE Ballin, Miss Reubina Ann Ballin, for services to the community. Evison, Mrs Helen June Patricia. for services to theatre, tele-vision and the community. Muldoon, Thea Dale Lady Muldoon, for services to the

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Hopkins the voice becomes a knight

By Alison Roberts ARTS REPORTER

TWO of the acting profession's best known embodi-Edwards, both involved in ments of crime and detection are among the arts figures honoured. Anthony Hopkins, who won an Oscar for his film portrayal of the fictional serial killer Hannibal Lector, becomes a knight and John Thaw, who plays Inspector Morse, is made a CBE.

Hopkins, whose winning role was in The Silence of the Lambs, was "more surprised than anything" yesterday and felt compelled to check that his wife Jennifer was not joking when she told him the news. In his next big screen role the Welsh actor with the distinctive voice, who is 55 today, will play C. S. Lewis in Sir Richard

Attenborough's Shadowlands. John Thaw said that he would keep his CBE insignia next to that for the OBE awarded to his wife, the actress Sheila Hancock, 15 years ago. "I've been in the business for 32 years and I'd like to think the award was for all my work, but obviously Morse is very

popular." he said. A second Oscar winner, the 71-year-old composer Mal-colm Arnold, also becomes a knight. The music for The Bridge on the River Kwai earned Arnold the screen award while scores for more than 120 other films and a collaboration with the rock group Deep Purple have added to his reputation, although he has always maintained that he would like to be remembered for his more classical

stage and oncert pieces.
Peter Jonas, general director
of the English National Opera, is made a CBE, while Richard Armstrong, for many years a director at the Welsh National Opera and soon to be general director of Scottish Opera, is made an OBE. Jocelyn Stevens, head of English Heritage, whose busi-

Formerly rector at the Royal College of Art, Mr Stevens recently described some of the nation's less important monuments as "bumps in fields".

enterprising composers who write expressly for her skills. V. S. Pritchett, the author and critic already a knight and a CBE, is made a Companion of Honour. One of the few living writers to have published a first novel in the twenties, he is most famous for

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Why the Serbian generals do not want a wider war



WHEN even such normally placid characters as Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, start to put on war-paint, it is time to sit up and take notice. The mood of the international political class has swing decisively behind some form of armed intervention in former Yugoslavia.

The spur is not the daily horror of Bosnia — which has been burning for eight months, after all — but the idea that the fighting will spread elsewhere, igniting a Balkan and possibly European war. The core issues tend to get lost amid such feverish chatter. The first questions are: Is the war likely to spread? Do intelligence reports, political or military, really indicate that the Serbian leadership, or Serbian warlords, are preparing for such a step? The second matter to be addressed is how far military interven-tion could prevent such a

The West has misread Serb motives, writes Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent.
The conflict will be confined to former Yugoslavia

It is never possible to rule out the irrational as a factor in Balkan politics. But Serbian behaviour over the past 18 months has been guided by a consistent plan to create a Greater Serbia to replace the shell of Yugoslavia. That prompted the war against Croatia and the grabbing of a third of its territory last year. The vision is also propelling Serbian warfare in Bosnia. There may be differences of

opinion about the details -- for

example, which ports should

be seized to give a sea outlet to the future Serbian state — but

the blueprint is essentially the

Kosovo, Serbia's southern province, is rightly regarded as a flashpoint since it strikes such a deep emotional chord for Serbs. Any threat, real or imagined, to the Serbian shrines there would certainly prompt Belgrade to send in troops. But again there are no immediate signs that Serbia is

however, that Serbia has terri-

torial ambitions in Macedo-

nia. Certainly there would be a terrible war if all interested

parties - Bulgaria, Greece

and Albania - were sucked

into Serbian-inspired fighting

there. But the nightmare sce-

nario is not the most obvious

planning to do that. The army is already overstretched in Bosnia to such an extent that the Bosnian Muslims have been able to scratch back some captured and "ethnically cleansed" villages right next to the Serbian frontier. The most likely evolution of

the war is to the north, not the south. For the Croats are determined to win back the land they lost last year and have told the UN protection force that they would like it to leave Croatia by March. This time the Croatian army is ready for a much tougher fight. They have armed up and are well trained. Even if Bosnia is sliced up between Serbs and Croats, the Serbs will have to police their territory in Bosnia. The Serbian army may well thus enter the spring with two active battle fronts. That suggests the war will not spread outside the frontiers of former Yugoslavia.

The Serbian ultra-national-

expanding and, in their characteristic phrase, "make order in the Sanjak — dividacteristic ` ed between Serbs and Muslims — or Kosovo. But the ambitions of Belgrade's generals do not yet extend to a Balkan war, or even a limited war with a weak power like

The fears of a wider war may thus have been exagger-ated in the West Sensible precautions — a large UN monitoring force in Macedo-nia, for one — can be taken but the focus should remain on brokering a peace between Serbs and Croats in a way that does not completely betray the interests of the Bosnian Serbs. There is a case for armed

intervention to reimpose the territorial integrity of Bosnia to enforce a peace while political solutions are worked out, and to deter further Serbian aggression. But the case for intervention is not being put with any regard to military or political logic. Not one politician is willing

publicly to commit a large contingent of ground troops. Warren Zimmerman, the US State Department specialist for refugee problems, said yesterday that both the Bush and the Clinton administrations had "essentially ruled out

the use of ground force".

Douglas Hurd, in a Daily
Telegraph article, said that even non-interventionists were now considering the use of force against Serbia. But he then went on to confirm that nobody was willing to use ground force. He also dismissed air strikes as an "easy" option. It is difficult to see what kind of armed force Mr Hurd is contemplating. It may well be that Britain, won over to the "no-fly" zone policy, is

dressing up that option as a display of Western resolve.
For sure, the "no-fly" zone will be quite useful in chal-

er. It might even encourage the Bosnian Muslims — who are now reportedly massing south of Sarajevo, their besieged capital - to launch their long-awaited counter-

None the less there is a discordance between politicians who are threatening the force actually available, and a level of force needed to achieve certain limited political objectives. President Bush, for example, has threatened to move military force against Serbia should it repress ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. That is his line in the sand. But anybody who knows anything about the Serbian pysche can see that the ultimatum is a declaration of war against Serbia. If that is what America is really considering, it does not appear to have told its allies. It would be a truly historical war, the first to be fought without ground troops.

Belgrade says UN has only hours to stop Muslims' offensive

PRESIDENT COSIC of Yugoslavia yesterday gave a warning that the United Nations had only hours to stop a Muslim offensive to break the siege of Sarajevo or he could not be responsible for the consequences. His implicit threat of Yugoslav army intervention in Bosnia came despite reports from the besieged Bosnian capital which indicated that no offensive was taking place and that fighting was no heavier than usual.

In Belgrade, Milan Panic, deposed as prime minister by parliament on Tuesday, refused to resign, saying that he

Serbian nationalist leader

whose party was the real victor

in Serbia's election, yesterday

warned the West that it faced

"a new Vietnam" if it inter-

vened militarily in Bosnia. Mr

Seseli should be listened to. As

bian president, has pointed

out, the man is consistent, and

now as leader of the second

largest party in Serbia he can

be expected to wield immense

power in the months to come.

shalled the Yugoslav parlia-

ment to depose Milan Panic,

the prime minister, and used

the occasion to present himself

as the great defender of Serbi-

an interests, a man worthy of

the title Volvada, or duke. A

Bosnian Serb from Saraievo.

Mr Seselj was considered an

intellectual whiz-kid when he

became the youngest ever

PhD in Yugoslavia. His thesis

subjects were "Nations in

arms in the classics of Marx-

ism" and "The political es-

sence of militarism and

Fascism."

On Tuesday, Mr Seselj mar-

had issued a warning that if tutionally and that he would continue to work until he was. the survival of Serbs in Bosnia were threatened then the Yugoslav army would intervene. On Tuesday, Mr Cosic chaired a meeting of Yugosla-Boutros Ghali, the United forces have launched a general via's supreme defence council, which ordered that unspecified measures be taken "in Saraievo area and especially from Mount Igman". He keeping with the present situation in Yugoslavia's immedition in the next few hours ate surroundings".

> pay a high price later." Parliament named Radoje

Serbian counterparts.

One measure is certainly the free transit of Bosnian Serb troops and equipment across Yugoslav territory. On Tuesday afternoon, tanks, armoured personnel carriers and soldiers entered Bosnia from the Yugoslav town of Ljubovija after having apparently driven down the Yugoslav bank of the Drina river from the Bosnian town of

> Mr Panic said that only President Cosic had the au-thority to replace him. He accused his opponents of telling "horrendous monstrous lies" against him. He also said that the move, inspired by Vojislav Seselj, the extreme nationalist, "reeks of Nazi Germany and the Jews. If we do not stop it now, we shall

the new prime minister. In five months in office, Mr Panic has had no power to enforce his will, so insisting on staying in office for another week or two is unlikely to make any difference to the political scene in Serbia. Even f police try to evict him from his office, little is likely to change as Mr Panic was unable to do anything when the Yugoslav federal police were unceremoniously bundled out of their offices by their

Mr Panic's move can only embarrass President Cosic. Last night Mr Panic claimed that he had the president's support but there was no confirmation of this from Mr

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FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

Nations secretary-general, Mr Cosic alleged that "Muslim offensive from the broader said: "Unless your intervenproves to be fruitful, we shall be unable to assume any responsibility for the inevitable consequences and this will undoubtedly paralyse our joint endeavours at ending the war." His statement came after Yugoslav military chiefs Whiz-kid who rose to dictate destiny

By Tim Judah and Dessa Trevisan VOJISLAV Seselj, the extreme academic quickly ran into trouble when he began accusing leading Bosnian politicians of "pan-Islamism". He also said many of his Muslim university colleagues were members of secret nationalist organisations. Mr Seseli was

post and jailed. On his release, Mr Seselj came to Belgrade where he had been adopted as a cause célèbre. Today most of his erstwhile supporters accuse his violent followers of acting like Hitler's brown shirts. In the past two years, Mr Seselj's rise has been little short of phenomenal. From the fringes of political life, he has become one of the most powerful men in Serbia.

Mr Seselj's party militia has been accused of involvement in the deaths of 3,000 Muslims at Breko in northern Bosnia in the spring and of many atrocities in Croatia. A decade ago, a Bosnian Muslim intellectual accused him of being "aggressive, paranoid and pathologically destruc-tive". Serbia waits to see. In the 1980s the young

Lack of consent sours break-up

Sadness is the dominant feeling as two new states are born, writes Roger Boyes

TONIGHT, at the stroke of midnight, two new states are born. But while there will be celebratory fireworks over Prague and Bratislava, the dominant feeling will be one of sadness for the Czechoslo-vak federation which did not even survive until its 75th birthday. Sadness, anxiety. uncertainty, even some guilt: for there is no popular consensus about the need for such a speedy divorce.

Czechoslovakia was the invention of émigré politicians who persuaded Woodrow Wilson of the viability of a dual nation at the centre of Europe. In 1938 when it was betrayed at Munich, in 1948 when the Communists took over, in 1968 when Warsaw Pact tanks crushed the Prague Spring, and again in 1989 when the country shrugged off Communism like an old coat, Czechoslovakia showed that it was a thinking, important nation.

Now it has been dismantled in six short months by the political classes. The main agent of destruction was Vaclav Klaus, prime minister of the Czech Lands. As Slovaks quickly discovered. Dr Klaus is not related to Santa Claus. Slovaks thought they were voting in June about the pace of market reform: weighed down with inefficient steel rolling mills and arms forces they wanted a much slower rate of privatisation.

They returned Vladimir Meciar, an ex-boxer, and gave him a mandate to seek greater control of Slovakia's economy. Dr Klaus soon disillusioned the Slovaks. Economic independence, he argued, was tantamount to secession; Prague was not going to be trapped into paying subsidies for a breakaway state. Czechoslovakia.

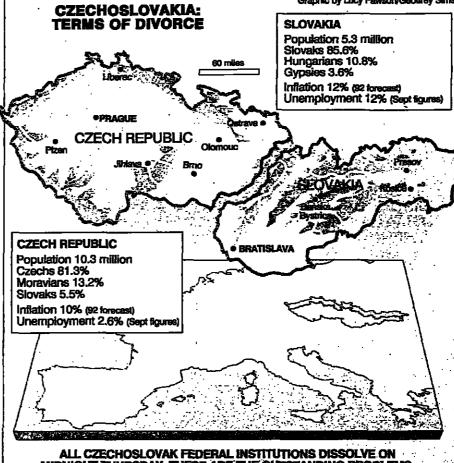
he argued should be scrapped as a bad, or at least, out-dated idea. Ordinary Czechs and Slovaks are only just beginning

to absorb the shock. They were not given the opportunity of voting in a referen-dum and the fate of their country has been mapped out over green baize tables by two power politicians. The village of Konecna, poised on the medieval frontier between the former Bohemian and the Hungarian kingdoms, is a useful barometer. It is just inside the Czech side of the border and though the border will be open, the village is afflicted by the problems of both Czechs and

At its crudest, there is the worried Czech who builds his weekend house on the Czech side of Konecna but his wooden outdoor lavatory a few yards away on the Slovak side. Will he soon need a passport before going to the toilet?

The customs house built by the Germans - who with great precision measured the frontier of the Slovak vassal state in 1944 — still stands in Konecna. There is supposed to he a customs union between Czechs and Slovaks but how long will it be before the first trade war breaks

Most of the villagers expect a wave of smuggling. Slovakia will be a cheaper country because some price subsidies will stay in place, but even ordinary people expect inflation to take off and the economy to plunge. Many Slovaks are considering whether to register in



MIDNIGHT THURSDAY. THESE ARE THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS:

1. DIVIDED COMMUNITIES

Some towns and villages will be cut down the middle, dividing communities and families. Although four custom agreement on border checkpoints. Villagers might have to use a passport to

2. ECONOMY

Both countries will temporarily keep the same currency. But how should the currency be split, at what value and when? The Czechs fear imported inflation from Slovakia. Should the country's assets be divided on a ratio of two to one, reflecting population numbers? Slovak banks are believed tohave placed assets in Czech banks. Who takes responsibility for national debt?

3. NATIONALITY

Who uses the Czechoslovak national flag? The Czechs want to use it but the Slovaks oppose this. And who will sing the national anthem? Many people will cross the new border. 30,000 Slovaks have already applied for Czech nationality. White Slovakia will pennit dual citizenship, the Czech republic will not. There are an estimated 300,000 mixed marriages

4. ARMED FORCES

Who gets what? Slovakia anticipates: getting 20 MIG-29s even through most of the airbases are in the Czech republic. Who gets which part of the anny?

the Czech part of Czechoslo-

vakia. Vaclav Havei - who

will probably be elected pres-

ident of the Czech Lands next

month — has spotted the

problem; Dr Klaus has not. What is the Czech national

interest? Can it really nose as

the successor state to Czecho-

slovakia? The new Czech flag

looks remarkably similar to

Moravia: perhaps buy small apartments there, so that they can eventually opt for Czech citizenship. Some 20,000 Slovaks, unable to find work in the tank factory at Martin, commute every day to Ostrava, the coal and steel centre of the Czech

But the malaise is not confined to Slovakia. Ostravian and other Moravian companies are having problems competing against cheaper Polish and Ukrainian coal imports and it is only a matter of time before this chunk of Czech industry is wound down.

Act of betrayal: Chamberlain waves the 1938 accord

which led to the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia

Difficult times are ahead then for both new states. The assumption is that the Czechs will, of the two, be better off. Rapid privatisation is already changing the face of Prague and other Czech towns. There is a natural market - protector even - in Germany, which borders the Czech Lands, some even joke that Bohemia

the Czechoslovak one. The betting is that Czechs will will become the new "East Germany".

That is not much of a joke. feel rather lost for some years, like an accident victim There is real concern about who has had a leg amputat-ed. The nerves will continue the future of the Czech identity which is only barely to twitch but there will be concealed in the debate nothing down below. about the name to be given to The Slovaks have no identity problems. Slovakia is the mination of a thousand years of poetry and myth making about an indepen-dent Slovakia. For a while, this will carry the Skovaks along. There are some quite sensible economic plans, including big incentives for foreign investors, and even some modest moves towards privatisation. If things start to go wrong, if independence loses its charm, then the Slovak lead-

ership could well make scapegoats of the 600,000strong Hungarian minority. Relations are already tense between the two communities. The West should not therefore lose interest in Slovakia. It needs investment, help in building demoadvice — and close monitoring to ensure that independence does not lead to a rebirth of authoritarian rule. ☐ Prague: Czech customs of-ficers shot dead a German woman, 19, when the driver of a car in which she was a passenger knocked down an officer at Svor, northwestern Czechoslovakia. (Reuter)

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MENS WERIEF **Opposition** says Bonn Graphic by Lucy Pawson/Geoffrey Sims has broken asylum pact

Bonn: The opposition Social Democrats in Germany. stung by the resignation from the party of Gunter Grass, the author, have accused the government of bad faith over plans for limiting the number of asylum-seekers (Michael

Binyon writes). Gerhard Schröder, the Social Democrat (SPD) prime minister of Lower Saxony, accused Rudolf Seiters, the interior minister, of breaking the hard-won agreement on December 6, under which the party would support a constitutional change to restrict the right of asylum. He said in a letter to the SPD negotiator that Bonn was undermining compromises over the status of victims of civil war, application procedures and the turn-ing away of asylum-seekers from the borders.

Herr Seiters last night rejected the charges, and has already presented a draft proposal for the new laws to his Christian Democrat party. The dispute is likely to hold up the much-debated clampdown on asylum-seekers, now entering Germany at a rate of almost 500,000 a year.

Reverse thrust

Tokyo: Japan is planning to build a test centre for fighter jet engines as the first step towards domestic production of military and civilian aircraft. The country has been reluctant to develop aviation technology since the second world war. (Reuter)

Barter stops

Peking: China, longtime ally and trading partner of North Korea, said it is ending decades of barter trade. Last year China was the largest trading partner of North Korea, with £413 million in two-way business. (AP)

Rabbani picked

Kabul: The interim Afghan president, Burhanuddin Rabbani, was elected head of state for the next two years in a ballot in which he was the sole candidate. He was hailed as the first elected Mujahidin leader of the Islamic revolutionary state. (Reuter)

American freed

Zamboanga: Muslim bandits near this southern Philippines town released unharmed an American missionary, Gerald Fraszczak, after 68 days' captivity. Mr Fraszczak, 55, was freed in exchange for rice and sunglasses. (Reuter)

Berlin ruling

Berlin: The Berlin regional high court ruled that Erich Honecker, the former East German leader who has cancer, must stay in jail although he will probably die before the end of his trial for killings along East Germany's border with the West (Reuter)

Angolan attack

Lisbon: A spokesman for Unita, the Angolan opposition movement, accused government forces of attacking two northwestern provincial capitals, Ndlatando and Caxito, which it seized after rejecting defeat in elections three months ago. (Reuter)

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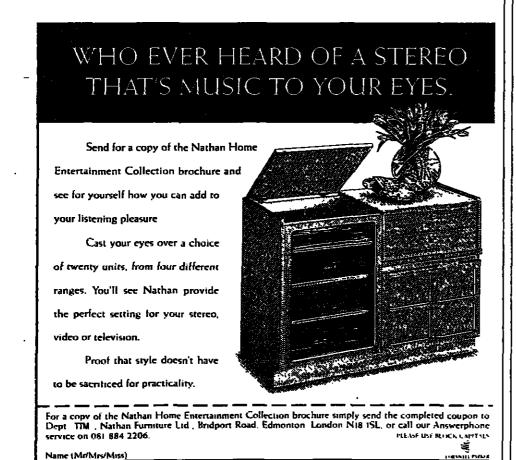
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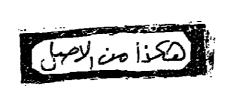
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Before the beak

Amsterdam: A Dutch judge ordered a man to muzzle his cockerel or pay his neighbour 500 guilders (£180) every time that the bird crows. The judge ruled that the cock greeted the day with a cry in excess of the normal proportions". (Reuter)





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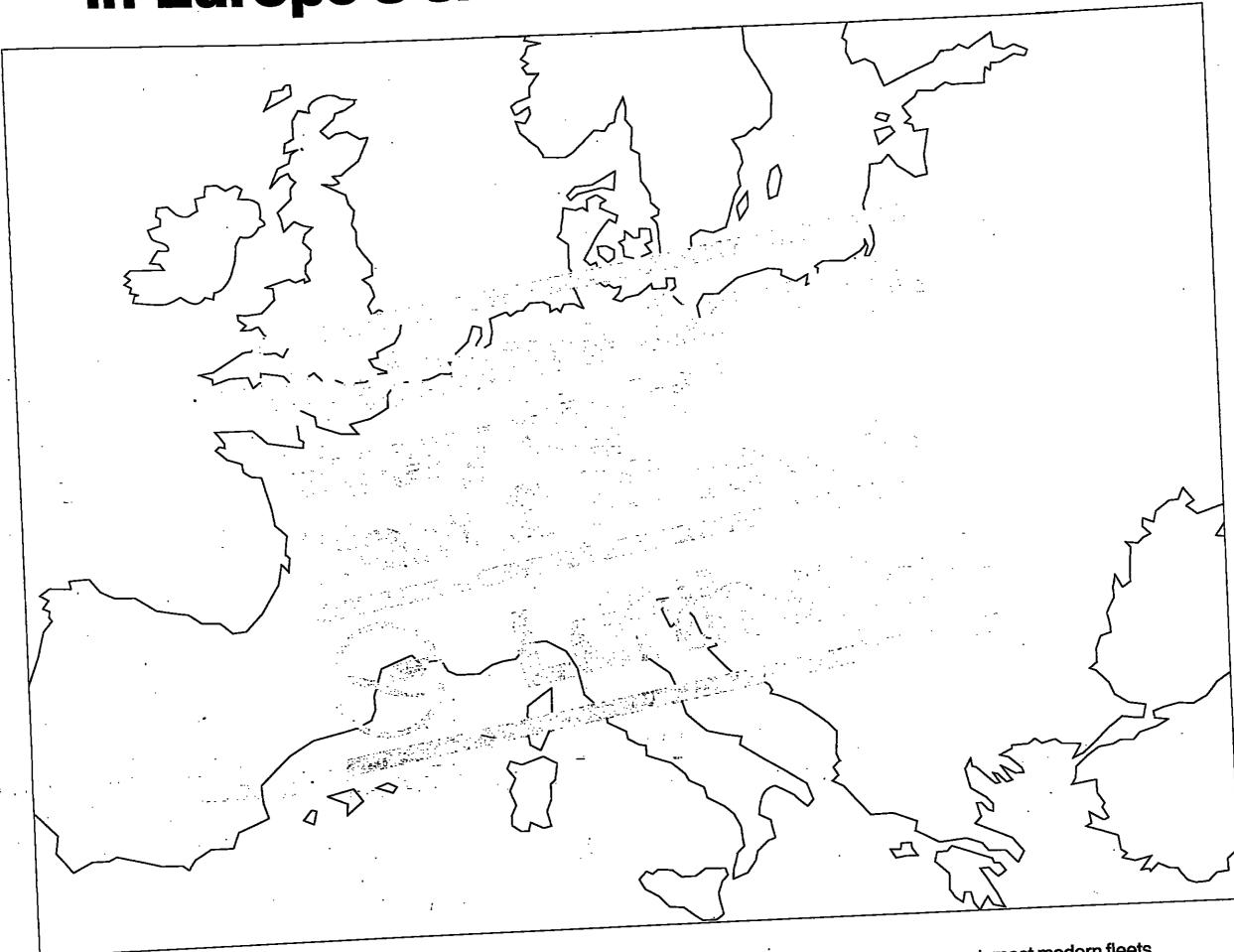
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Final days of action win Bush quiet acceptance at home

Hardly a voice has been raised against the president's stance. But the mood may change when the body bags return

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush arrives in Somalia tonight to spend New Year's day with American troops. At the weekend, he will ensure his place in the history books by holding a summit with President Yeltsin of Russia in the Black Sea resort of Sochi and signing a landmark nuclear arms treaty.

While most outgoing Amer ican presidents spend their final days in office packing their papers and books, saying goodbye to aides and reminiscing about their presidency, Mr Bush has taken an active role. As American troops stepped up security in Moga-dishu to ensure Mr Bush's safety, the president, who will stop over in Saudi Arabia to meet King Fahd before going flying on to Somalia, said in Washington that he had to show "the concern all Ameri-cans feel for Somalia".

In the past few weeks, Mr Bush has launched an armed relief effort in the Horn of Africa and threatened military intervention in the Balkans. As the war drums have been pounded in the Oval Office, the absence of any significant public criticism of the president's actions has been

Fifty years ago, when America was on the brink of being forced by Japanese aggression to enter the second world war. Franklin Roosevelt had only to

THE Start 2 agreement may

bolster the reputation of a

retiring American president

and prop up a shaky Russian

leader but it opens a new era

of potential instability in

To make the deal stick.

President Yeltsin must move

quickly to ratification before

his hardline opponents wake

up to the fact that they are

few remaining icons of inter-

national power and prestige.

Under the agreement, Rus-

sia's stockpile of warheads

would be 3,000 as against

3.500 for America in the

In essence, two countries

which no longer had much

interest in attacking each

other, under their present

leaders, have yielded two-

thirds of their nuclear capab-

ility to do so, and Mr Bush

has only to collect his going-

away present. President

Yeltsin's own base against

the hardliners may well have

been strengthened but his

tenure remains uncertain and any successor will still

have a massive capability at

the more pressing problem

of proliferation as the rush to

get nuclear expertise and

capability at bargain-base-

ment prices gathers pace.

The president-elect's imme-

diate problem will be with

Ukraine — which is de-manding \$1.5 billion (£1

billion) for the dismantling of the nuclear weaponry on

its territory - and countries

such as Libya and Iran who

are determined to cash in on

expertise in Russia, the for-

mer Soviet states and China.

David Bolton, the director of

the Royal United Services

Institute, said: "If the Ameri-

cans pay it will take seven years to dismantle the weap-ons, and if not it could take

In Bill Clinton's in-tray is

year 2003.

world nuclear weaponry.

Arms proliferation

confronts Clinton

By David Watts, diplomatic correspondent



Bush: hardening policy of intervention

mention the need to prepare for conflict to provoke frenzied opposition from Democrat and Republican alike. In antiwar vigils outside the White House the cry went up: "Why die for Danzig?" When the news broke earlier this week that President Bush had sent a diplomatic note warning the Serb leaders that a further spread of the Balkan conflict would provoke military retali-ation by America, it hardly caused a leaf to stir on the streets of Washington. In the far Midwest or Deep South, the recruiting grounds for the men who would be the ones to fight in any conflict that broke out, no cry of "why die for Kosovo?" was heard. After an

ten years - and a lot can

happen in that time." He

sees the gesture by Washing-

ton and Moscow as a signal

to the rest of the world that

"we're doing our best by

reducing our weaponry by

two-thirds", encouraging

ation of all weapons of mass

destruction will require in-

and tough sanctions against

those who do not comply.

said Mr Bolton. He added

that, with a nuclear-armed

Russia on its periphery.

Europe must retain some

form of ballistic nuclear de-

fence, and Europe might

well explore the sort of

mutual defence arrange-

ment against such weapons

now being negotiated be-

tween Russia and America.

Beyond that the West, and

Britain, must retain a mini-

mum nuclear deterrent

against the Saddam Hus-

seins of the world. That

would have to be aircraftborn - and visible "on the

BBC and Cable News Net-

☐ Moscow: Russia said yes-

terday it was tightening con-

trols on exports of materials

and equipment with possible

nuclear uses to prevent the

destabilising spread of atom-

ic technology. Anatoli Krasikov, a presidential spokes-

man, said the government

was introducing a system of

licences to regulate the ex-port of nuclear-related sub-

Mr Krasikov said: "Russia

wants to adhere strictly to its

obligations on non-prolifera-

tion of nuclear technology.

The export controls affect

eight categories of exports.

covering not only nuclear

equipment but also a range

of "dual purpose" items, with nuclear and non-

nuclear uses. (Reuter)

stances and technology.

work", he said.

But ensuring non-prolifer-

others to follow suit.

ing to focus on America's domestic ills rather than on the problems of far-flung places, the seeming quiet ac-ceptance of American "humanitarian intervention" in Somalia and the Bush administration's hardening stance, with the support of Bill Clin-ton, the president-elect, toward Belgrade, is striking. The "brigades" of Patrick Buchanan supporters, who cheered so loudly during the primary campaign the Ameri-ca First rhetoric of Mr Bush's challenger for the Republican presidential nomination. seem to have vanished, as have

election campaign that saw the defeat of a "foreign policy president" and his replace-ment by a Democrat promis-

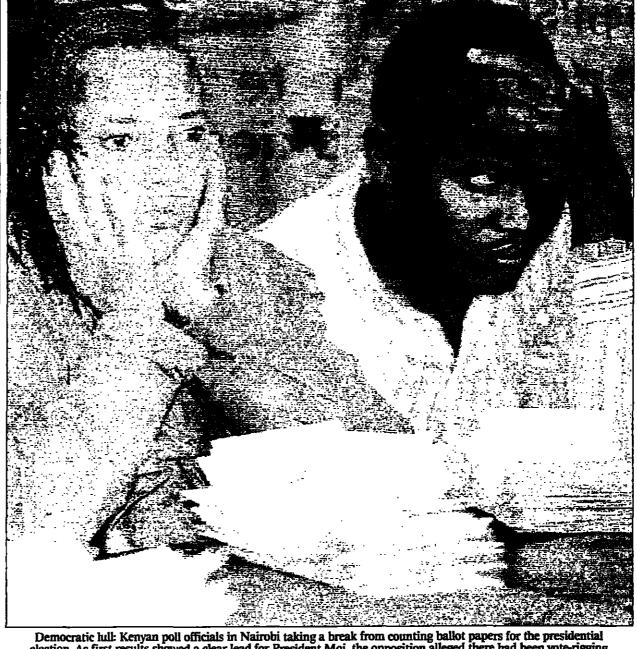
the deficit-cutters who warmed to Ross Perot's crit-cism of the foreign policy accomplishments of Mr Bush. Insularity and isolationism were at their post-1945 height this summer in America, as strong as they were in 1940 when FDR sought to prepare Americans for the second world war. Yet a mere two months after the election, and the opinion formers and the mass of people whose opinion they try to form, have not reacted in a way that most foreign journalists would have predicted. Admittedly. Christmas obscured for many ordinary Americans the news of overseas troubles and alarms but, even so, lestive preoccupa-tions and shopping mall visits are not enough to explain the absence of intense public ques-tioning of the Bush doctrine of

intervention.

Although the flags are not being waved with abandon yet over the prospect of "our boys" marching off to war, there is abroad in America an obvious pride, mixed with irritation at the pusillanimous Europeans. that it is only America which is capable, militarily and politi-cally, to act as the architect of the post-Cold war world. Already, the call to humanitarian arms that the Bush administration has been developing in its dying days has attracted an academic as well as a journalistic following, and in the unlikeliest of quarters. The theological faculties have been humming with debate about just and unjust wars. Father Hehir, a professor at the Harvard Divinity School, has announced he is to teach next term a course entitled "The use of force political and

moral criteria" Of course, if or when the body bags start arriving back home from the Horn of Africa or the Balkans, the mood might change, leaving Mr Clinton brooding on the iro-

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Democratic hull: Kenyan poll officials in Nairobi taking a break from counting ballot papers for the presidential election. As first results showed a clear lead for President Moi, the opposition alleged there had been vote-rigging

US imposes Mogadishu clampdown

FROM REUTER IN MOGADISHU

AMERICAN troops searched vehicles in Mogadishu for arms and tightened their grip on the airport yesterday in a clampdown on gun rule before President Bush visits the

battered Somali capital today. They said weapons would be banished from the southern port of Kismayu and took control of a key road bridge near Mogadishu. Military police stopped vehicles at checkpoints in the city centre. At the airport, where Mr Bush will land, soldiers set up machinegun posts and posi-

vehicle outside the gates Lieutenant Colonel Steve Ritter said: "We are taking every precaution needed to ensure that this is a safe and successful visit for our Commander-in-Chief."

Shootings and lootings are still common in the devastated capital, despite a peace deal last week between the city's two main warlords and the presence of the US-led humanitarian intervention force. Mr Bush is due to spend the night on an amphibious assault ship and visit the towns

of Baidoa and Bali Dogle.

to Moi over 'rigged' poll FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

Opposition issues warning

TWO of Kenya's leading opposition parties yesterday issued a warning that they would bring down any gov-ernment which took power in official statement. In the central Nairobi conrigged elections as results showed a clear lead for Presi-

dent Moi. Jacob Mutula, legal adviser to the Democratic party, said that his party was considering withdrawal from the elections because of what he called widespread vote-rigging. "We may take other and more effective methods of making sure that Kanu [the ruling Kenya African National Union] cannot run the country if they take power in this way,"

Mr Mutula said. Oginga Odinga, leader of the Forum for the Restoration Democracy-Kenya, said that he was also considering withdrawal and would be meeting to discuss the move with Mwai Kibaki, the Democratic party leader. The two parties also alleged that the other main opposition group, Ford-Asili (Original), led by Kenneth Matiba, was the beneficiary of Kanu's alleged

attempts to rig yesterday's Foreign observers said that they had been shocked by widespread irregularities at polling stations and counting centres all over the country. They have yet to make an

stituency of Starehe, an election official was attacked by a mob when he attempted to bring a box of ballot books and loose ballot papers into the counting centre at the Jamhuri High School. Many of the books had been stamped with the electoral council's seal which meant they could be marked and entered into the count.

One person was killed and three injured in Mombasa when paramilitary police fired on a crowd which had surged around a car they suspected of bringing in extra ballots late on Tuesday night. There were reports of violence in cities

throughout the country. Police also fired into a group of demonstrators in Kisumu, on the shores of Lake Victoria, when a crowd had gathered to protest at slow counting of their votes and accused election officials of packing ballot boxes with votes for Kanu and Mr Moi.

Results from 34 of the 188 constituencies were in by late afternoon yesterday. Mr Moi was in the lead with 342,930 votes to 266,853 for Mr Matiba, his nearest rival. Mr Matiba was a long-time

political detainee under Mr Moi. He was released last year after he suffered a stroke as a result of torture and spent 11 months being treated in He had a strong showing in Western Province, traditional

heartland of the Luhya tribe who support Martin Shikuku, his vice-presidential running mate, and appears to have been winning cross-tribal sup-port. Both Mr Matiba and Mr Kibaki are Kikuyu but the division of the Kikuyu vote among the two presidential hopefuls did not appear to have damaged Mr Matiba. Accra: The National Democratic Congress of presidentelect Jerry Rawlings is set to sweep Ghana's parliamentary election, winning 89 of 92 constituencies declared so far, according to electoral authori-

ties. The four main opposition parties shunned the election, Ghana's first parliamentary poll since 1979, because of alleged vote-rigging in last month's presidential vote. The pro-government National Convention Party won two seats and an independent took

US allows two novel ways of treating cancer

By NICK NUITALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

TWO novel forms of cancer treatment, one based on a bark extract and one on genetic engineering, have been given approval by the US government, it was disclosed

yesterday. Taxol, a substance extracted from the rare Pacific yew tree, Taxus brevifolia, has been licensed for use in the treatment of ovarian cancer. Its approval is likely to bolster research in Britain, where make similar drugs from the leaves of the English yew. The federal Food and Drug

Administration also approved the use of genetically modified cells to treat a terminally ill woman with a brain tumour. The researchers, based at the San Diego regional cancer centre in California, are expected to begin the pioneering treatment on Monday.

The decision to approve Taxol marks a 30-year cru-sade by Monroe Wall, chief scientist at the Research Triangle Institute in Raleigh, North Carolina. Research shows that Taxol binds to cancer cells blocking their ability to reproduce. Bristol Myers Squibb. makers of the drug, yesterday announced they are seeking approval of its use in Britain and other European countries.

The decision, which could also pave the way for Taxol to be used on cancers of the lung, neck and head, offers hope to British researchers at Leicester University and the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology studying the English yew. This species, Taxus baccata, contains a substance called Baccatin III. It has no cancer fighting properties but is similar to Taxol. Research indicates that it can be chemically turned into Taxol, which could greatly increase its availability. Up to 20 other promising compounds are also in the leaves, which could lead to more cancer drugs.

The treatment of cancer with genetically engineered cells also marks a shift in policy by the US governmer up and the National Institute own Health. Novel medicines intertreatment methods norma of require a lengthy approv procedure but in this ca approval was given on corp

passionate grounds. veloped by Ivor Royston, scien entific director at the instituteoinvolves taking cells called f fibroblasts from the woman's'. skin and inserting the gene for the production of interleukin-2, a protein that is critical in triggering production of the body's cancer killing T-cells. Millions of these modified cells will be reproduced and injected back into the patient It is boosed that the modified

cells will go to the sites of the brain tumour, and the cancer cells will be attacked. Doctors will monitor the progress of the patient using brain scans.

Britain hands over EC reins with honour salvaged

JOHN Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. have both claimed since the European Community's Edinburgh summit that the Community's chief problems are now wrapped up and sorted out: Europe's governments can move on to other, more important agendas.

Britain's EC presidency, which ends at midnight tonight, was under such sustained and intemperate attack before a summit which rescued most of its reputation that their exaggeration is understandable. But the EC now faces a period of relative calm before being plunged back into fresh turmoil in the late spring. Like the chaos of last September, the prime source of volatility will be the financial markets, which are expected to return to the attack against the French franc, Danish kroner and Irish punt after the New Year.

Markets are beyond the control of any EC presidency. The Community's rotating. six-month presidency simply puts each government in the chair at meetings and in charge of agendas and catering. Both Britain and Denmark, the two states least willing to ratify the Maastricht treaty, are suspected of being ready to slow Maastricht's momentum. "The bottom line on this treaty." a minister told me as the presidency began.
"is that if anyone is going to throw a spanner in it, it won't

British ministers are agnostic about the treaty which they are now going to push through the House of ComMoney traders are poised to put another spoke in the wheels of the Community's rotating presidency as the UK bows out, George Brock, European Editor writes

mons, but that came as no surprise to governments elsewhere in Europe. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. rode out pressure to punish Mr Major for delaying ratification until the Danes hold a second referendum. Pierre Bérégovoy. France's prime minister, dispatched a swift note all but disowning one of his over-excited ministers who

had attacked the UK presidency as a catastrophe. M squeaked through its own Maastricht referendum only weeks beforehand. Herr Kohl saw that the British government kept changing its mind because the Commons destabilised Mr Major and Mr Hurd's authority. Both gov-ernment and Euro-sceptics walk on shaky ground: gov-ernment whips are still not sure of their majority and the sceptics have no agreed alternative to Maastricht. But the money traders dealt

the presidency even harder blows. The autumn of 1992 will be recalled for the neardisintegration of the exchange rate mechanism, which enters 1993 still perforated by the cross-fire in the money markets. Just before sterling and the Italian lira were pushed out of the ERM, finance ministers meeting under Norman Lamont's jaundiced chairmanship failed to recon-cile their differences over ex-

Danish extrovert prepares for the presidency

change and interest rates. The Chancellor's evident lack of remorse at the shambles and pleasure at sterling's devaluation was as damaging to Britain's diplomatic leverage inside the EC as any of Baroness Thatcher's most notorious outbursts of the past.

Britain's diplomatic weakness would not matter if the government was certain that the ERM would collapse and be replaced by no other mechanism for ironing out the fluctuations between Europe's strongest and steadiest currencies. Mr Major and Mr Hurd know that while overinflated hopes of a European single

currency have been dealt a colossal blow by the recession, ratification debates and the flux in the markets. But they also know that hopes of coordinating - if not necessarily merging — the continent's key currencies burn strong.

The Edinburgh summit simply by-passed the issue. By the end of April, a report by experts on the operation of the ERM will be ready for finance ministers. That will coincide with the probable opening of the second Maastricht referendum campaign in Denmark.

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BABRI MOSQUE DEMONSTRATION

Rally and march to protest against the destruction of the Babri Mosque and the ongoing oppression of Muslims in India.

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Ellemann-Jensen: is confident of 'Yes' vote

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

UFFE Ellemann-Jensen, Denmark's foreign minister, is confident his country will approve the Maastricht treaty next I know I wasn't too good at predicting the result last time, but trankly I expect a big 'Yes' now," Mr Ellemann-Jensen said. "All the opinion polls back me up and seven of parlia-ment's eight parties are behind Denmark's opt-out deal on Maastricht."

He believes that those who voted to approve the treaty last time but saw their cause rejected will stick with their convictions. "Denmark will be there when things move, but Maastricht-style European union will not come in this century. If Denmark voted 'No' again it would have to leave the EC for good, and if the United Kingdom decided to follow suit, both countries would be out of the European mainstream ... and that would be a disaster."

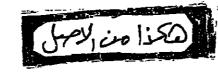
When Denmark takes over the sixmonth presidency of the European Community from Britain at midnight tonight and with it the job of introducing the single market, much of the burden will fail on the extrovert Mr Ellemann-Jensen, 51, a political science graduate from Copenhagen university, who worked as a television news presenter for five years before briefly becoming editor-in-chief of the business daily Borsen in 1975. He enterted politics in 1977 and became leader of the Liberal party in 1984. He has held the foreign affairs portfolio for longer than anyone since the second world war.

"I hope when the Danish presidency is over we will have dealt with all the heaviest issues including enlargement, initiating membership negotiations with Sweden, Finland and Austria, so that we can strengthen, improve and give more balance to the Community. "On Yugoslavia, we must not give up trying to find a diplomatic and political solution. Limited military action by the

West may be necessary to protect the humanitarian aid effort but I do not believe a full military intervention is practically possible. It might spark a full-scale war in the Balkans."

Mr Ellemann-Jensen also wants to

Mr Ellemann-Jensen also wants to create greater openness in EC affairs and plans to start television transmissions of the meetings of the EC Council of Ministers. "It is important to take the myths and mystery out of the EC. It's going to be dull stuff but if it helps to demystify the workings of the EC, so much the better. It was fears of bureaucracy and ignorance of the funcbureaucracy and ignorance of the func-tioning of the EC that sparked the Danish 'No' and the French 'near no' to Maastricht."



Cuban pilot's mass defection plot took a year of planning

By David Adams in miami AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AERO Caribbean Flight 360 was meant to be a quick hop from Havana to the popular tourist resort of Varadero. The passengers were apparent holidaymakers heading for the beach.

But 20 minutes after takeoff Carlos Cancio, the pilot, cooly radioed to Havana control tower that the plane had been hijacked and was headed for Miami. He neglected to mention that of the 53 people on the plane, 48 were hijackers — and that he was one of them.

"I'm free!" yelled Senor Cancio as he waved from the open door of the Soviet-made Antonov-26 twin-engine turbe prop soon after touching down at Miami airport. "I feel very happy ... to have been able to ridicule the communist system of Cuba." he added. He brought with him his wife, two children and his future daughter-inlaw. "It was a very complex manocuvre, a year in the planning," he said.

Details of the mass defection remained sketchy yesterday as the "hijackers" were being kept at an immigration detention centre while their requests for political asylum were being processed.

"We kept it very hermetic. We were very decided," said Raul Ginebra, one of the passengers, who telephoned a local newspaper from Miami airport. He said that all but five people on the plane

were in on the plan. The five - including the co-pilot, his wife and son, a state security agent, and an air-hostess have all asked to be returned to Cuba.

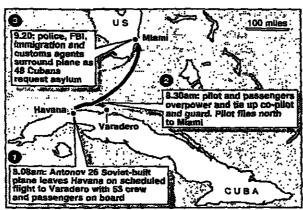
Señor Cancio apparently arranged for the other 47 passengers to be placed on a waiting list for the regular scheduled Flight 360 to Variadero. According to Señor Ginebra, the pilot cancelled the flight saying there was a mechanical fault. But later, he rescheduled the flight and arranged to board the passengers on the waiting list.

Soon after take-off, Senor Cancio persuaded his co-pilot to swap his seat with a flight engineer who wanted some cockpit experience. To assist in the ruse. Senor Cancio had invited the co-pilot to bring his family on the crowded flight. After the co-pilot joined his wife in the passenger seats, the "hijackers" pounced. The co-pilot was overpowered and tied up. Simultaneously, a uniformed state security agent - all Cuban flights are accompanied by a security guard — was drugged with an ether-

soaked rag, bound hand and foot and bundled into a seat at the back of the plane. Before arriving in Miami punches were exchanged in the cockpit, according to the Miami control tower. "You could hear they were fighting and yelling on the plane." said Juan Rey, a flight moni-



Hijacked: the Soviet-made Antonov-26 at Miami



from the anti-Castro Cuban

American National Founda-

tion (CANF). The passengers

were expected to be released

by immigration authorities last night to friends and relatives under the auspices

of "Operation Exodus," a

programme run by CANF to

sponsor Cuban émigrés.

"They are very happy," said Mario Mirando of CANF.

"It's going to be a good New

The Cuban government ac-

Year's for them," he said.

tor. After the plane landed, Senor Cancio and the co-pilot had a brief scuffle on the tarmac before they were separated by police who took the

co-pilot away handcuffed.

When the passengers emerged they were clearly delighted to be in Miami. waving victory signs and smiling broadly. They were later taken to the Krome immigration centre on the outskirts of Miami where they were met by officials

mitting "a terrorist act". which they claim was the product of an American policy that encourages flight from Cuba. This is not the first time

Cubans have defected by air. In 1969 a Cuban air force lieutenant flew his MiG17 to Miami. Then in 1987 the deputy defence minister de-fected to Florida with his family aboard a private

Early this year 34 Cubans fied on a Cubana Airlines helicopter and two weeks ago a former air force major, who defected in 1991, made a dramatic landing and takeoff on a main road linking Havana and Varadero to pick up his family.

It is not clear how the passengers were able to board a flight normally reserved for foreign tourists. Cubans require special per-mission to board local and international flights, which are tightly controlled by the ministry of interior. Pilots are also hanned from carrying their families on board. Large bribes for the local airport officials involved in boarding the flight may have been involved.

American officials say they are investigating possible charges of air piracy, but that seems highly unlikely. "When most people on board want to go to the same destination, it's hard to call it a hijacking," said Michael Sheehan, spokesman for



Unscheduled arrival: Carlos Cancio, the pilot of the hijacked Cuban airliner, waving at Miami airport as he is led away by American federal investigators

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UN envoy breaks off Jerusalem mission

Jerusalem: James Jonah, the UN under secretary, broke off his mediation mission to the Middle East after four days of shuttle diplomacy failed to resolve the plight of 415 Palestinian deportees trapped in southern Lebanon (Richard

Beeston writes). After a final round of inconclusive talks with Israeli leaders, Mr Jonah will have to tell Boutros Boutros Ghali, the neither Israel nor Lebanon appear willing to back down in their two-week standoff.

Dr Boutros Ghali suggested in Geneva after a meeting with Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, that one compromise might be to send the men back to the Israeli occupied territories, where they could be interned or charged if they have committed any crimes. But Mr Jonah, in his brief meetings with Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, and Shimon Peres, foreign minis-ter, was told categorically that Israel was not prepared to back down from its widely condemned decision to expel the Palestinians.

Collor ruling

Rio de Janeiro: The Brazilian Senate voted to strip Fernando Collor de Mello, the former president, of his political rights until 2001. Senhor Collor resigned on Tuesday, hoping to head off a trial on corruption charges and salvage his political career.

Rights trimmed

Knala Lumpur: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, Malaysia's prime minister, stepped up a campaign to curb sultans' privileges, announcing proposals to remove their constitutional right to pardon themselves and royalty from criminal charges. (Reuter)

Security tighter

Delhi: Security has been increased at the Taj Mahal and other Mogul monuments in northern India to protect them from possible attack by Hindu militants. Visitors to the Taj were being checked by metal

Bernard Levin, page 16 Leader chosen

Sofia: Bulgaria's parliament approved Lyuben Berov, Presdent Zhelev's economic adviser, as prime minister. Mr Berov. 67, who has no party iffiliation, was nominated by he Movement for Rights and reedoms, which represents thnic Turks.

Changing sides

Quala Lumpur: A woman has dentified her husband, a Maaysian police inspector, as the obber shot in a bank raid ther killing a security guard. olice did not recognise Chan abdullah as he had shaved off is moustache. (Reuter)



Smith: ruled during

Rhodesian *military* 'used germ warfare

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS are to investigate claims that the largestever anthrax epidemic was started by Rhodesian security forces as an act of biological war against black insurgents between 1978 and 1980.

More than 10,000 people caught anthrax in the epidemic, and at least 182 died. An American doctor, Meryl Nass, has studied the outbreak and concludes that there are suspicious circumstances which suggest the anthrax spores were spread deliberately, probably from the air.

Anthrax is spread by organisms which can persist in soil for many years. Cattle and sheep catch it by eating contaminated pastures, and people by handling or eating

Anthrax had never been common in Rhodesia, but in 1979, when the civil war between Ian Smith's rebel white government and black nationalists was at its height. there was a sudden increase in human cases to more than 4,000, with a rise the next year to 6,736. Case numbers then declined, but because of the persistence of spores in the ground, anthrax is much commoner in Zimbabwe than it used to be.

Dr Nass presents a number of reasons for believing the epidemic was man-made. It appeared in several places almost at the same time, she says, instead of spreading from a single focus as such epidemics usually do. Many of the cases appeared in areas of the country where it had never been seen before, and the epidemic was confined almost entirely to black areas.

No whites ever caught the disease, and only four small outbreaks occurred on white farms. But a third of the Tribal Trust Lands, where blacks farmed, were affected.

The most plausible explanation, she says, is that the spores were dropped from the air by the Rhodesian military. Dr Nass says that, to settle the question, the spores still in the soil could be matched against known strains. Spores could be sought in places where they are not normally found, such as roofs of houses. "Such a study has been sanctioned by the Zimbabwe government," she said yesterday.



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Ten tips towards a new year of majesty



■ 1 No more self-pity. In her "annus horribilis" speech, and again in her Christmas broadcast, the Queen sought to elicit public sympathy for the many woes which befell her family in 1992. They were as nothing, however, to the woes endured by so many of her subjects: from unemployment, homelessness, bankruptcy and/or repossession of their homes, to trouble making ends meet. Few other British divorces, moreover, are cushioned by so much wealth.

■ 2 Treat the Princess of Wales properly. The princess should not be seen as a troublesome daughter-in-law. she is the most popular woman in the world, embarking on an ambitious

international career, eager to overtake the Prince of Wales in the gravitas stakes. She wields huge influence over the degree of public affection for the monarchy. The royal family misuses her at its peril.

■ 3 Take the Prince of Wales in hand. A strong-minded major-domo should be imposed upon the prince's private office to override his whims, harness his undoubted qualities, and bring to his public work the sharper focus which would give it some clear

purpose.

4 Reorganise the royal fi-nances. Whatever taxes the Queen agrees to pay, she is bound to be criticised over those she will continue to avoid, probably capital gains, and certainly inheritance tax No other British citizen is excused these taxes.

The solution is a Royal Commission to assess the monarchy's public and private wealth, and clarify the distinction between the two. The private assets should then be fully taxed, like any other family's, and the public wealth converted to a charitable trust from which the monarchy is financed, thus dispensing with its public subsidy. The extent of all Crown assets, as should also be made public. ■ 5 Banish the rest of the family. If the "lesser" royals are to be axed from the Civil List, they should also be encouraged to return to private life and earn their own living. For the Queen to finance them from her own inflationproof public subsidy — is a **Anthony Holden** offers the Queen

some gentle advice for

survival in 1993 continuation of the Civil List under another guise. The Princess Royal, for instance, could become a properly sala-ried president for Save the Children, with the Duke of York living off his Naval

Does she want her family to be thought of as ordinary people?

salary. Prince Edward, like

any other well-educated young

man, should be fending for himself in the job market. ■ 6 Re-read Walter Bagehot. The celebrated "constitutional historian" (in truth a rather snobbish journalist) defended the monarchy not for itself, but as a way of blinding hot polloi to the true workings of the British establishment. "The Monarchy", he wrote, "gives a

vast strength to the entire

Constitution, by enlisting on

its behalf the credulous obedi-

ence of enormous masses." Many of Bagehot's precepts contain home truths the Queen should still find useful (not just the old saw about letting in "daylight on magic", which should now be banned from use by all newspaper leader writers). Hide this one from Prince Charles: "The only fit material for a constitutional king is a prince who begins early to reign ... The case is worse when he comes to

the throne old or middle-aged.

He is then unfit to work." ■ 7 Disestablish the Church of England. It's in a frightful mess, anyway. The Queen should sever her connections Prince Charles from the embarrassment of being its Supreme Head. Most churchmen say the title doesn't mean much, anyway. Let Carey & Co defend their own faith.

■ 8 No more tourist industry. The Queen should try to persuade the royal family's apologists to stop trotting out tourism as the best defence of the institution of monarchy. Is there really no better argument for the hereditary princi-

The other day I asked an American if her fellow coun-trymen would still go to watch the Changing of the Guard if there were a president in the palace rather than a monarch. She said no. But what, I asked, if it were President Thatcher?

She said yes.

9 Make up your mind.

Does the Queen want the royal family to be thought of as ordinary people like the rest of us - or doesn't she? There are pros and cons to either course.

Most ordinary families go through all those marital strains, leading to divorces and remarriages, which excite unusual (and perhaps unfair) interest when they happen to royalty. But ordinary people also pay taxes imposed by law. Ordinary people don't have private yachts, trains and

planes. Why not hand Britannia over to the navy, and set an example by travelling on regular trains and planes? Otherwise, however much tax the Queen pays, the royal family is still going to look like a subsidised elite quite out of touch with the times.

The real problem, of course,

is that the Oueen's subjects can't sort this one out, either. Half the time they want to see the royals as ordinary people like themselves, with similar problems: the other half they want them on a pedestal, symbolising all their aspira-

Bagehot was right: they need to be told what to think. It is time for the Queen to take a lead on this one.

■ 10 Study the Maastricht Treaty. If the Queen were to scan the small print of Maastricht, she would see that it reduces her to a mere citizen of Europe, with a vote in the European elections - the thin end, surely, of the republican

tional mandate rests on the readiness of the British people to remain subjects rather than citizens. The main lesson of 1992 - the year that deference died — is that their patience may be running out faster than the Queen or her

courtly advisers yet realise. © Times Newspapers Ltd 1992

Michael Dynes explodes 20 years of European myth-making



From the European apocrypha: lavatories, cucumbers and lawnmowers have all featured in stories about European apocrypha: lavatories, cucumbers and lawnmowers have all featured in stories about European apocrypha:

ndaunted by the claim that lies can travel half way before truth has had time to put its boots on, officials in Brussels have created a 'Euromyth" unit charged with stamping out those silly but entertaining tales about bureaucrats on the rampage. Equipped with a staff of one,

the new unit, formed last month, plans to take aim at the newspaper editors and broadcasters who have kept us amused for years with tales. frequently unfounded or misrepresented, about European Commission attempts to ban dogs in pubs, abolish sawdust on butcher's floors, and prohibit the sale of round cheeses. Europe's new myth finder

general is, however, likely to of a labour of Sisyphus. Euromyth-making, while particularly prolific in Britain. is by no means a British monopoly. The Commission was, for example, recently accused of trying to abolish the Spanish tilde - the accent over the "n' in España. But the British have come to adore the sport, Brussels finds a mything link

and are unlikely to give it up without a struggle.

Commission officials, tired of being the butt of British humour, say the unit was created out of exasperation. "We just got fed up with all these Eurolunacies circulating in the media unchallenged, says Robert Elphick, an EC spokesman in London. "We have allowed the Community to be kicked about for years, kick back."

One of the first indications of a change in attitude came in speech given in November by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. Mr Hurd pointed out that the Commission "is often used as a whipping boy for the sins of others". Indeed. officials in local government. the public utilities, and Whitehall, have been known to "blame unpopular regulations on some imaginary edict from Brussels", Mr Hurd said.

Previously, the Commission had been very complacent about challenging such tales. Moreover, government ministers were not themselves above blaming unpopular measures on new EC directives. No one seemed particularly troubled the process, become a bit of a laughing stock. But Denmark's decision to reject the Maastricht treaty changed all

In future, media claims that "barmy Brussels bureaucrats" have embarked on this or that act of folly will be dispatched to the myth finder general's office, where they will be checked out. A brief summary, of the allegation, along with an explanation of the proposal or legislation in question, can then be sent out to the Community's offices throughout Europe. They will then sug-gest clarification. The initiative has the enthusiastic backing of Jacques Delors, the Commission president, who has long complained of what

A similar initiative was launched by the Commission's London offices shortly after Britain's accession to the Community in 1973. In those days. our newspapers were filled

cit d'information. But it is doubtful whether the myth

finder general will ever have

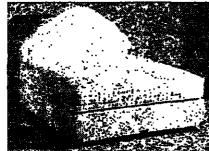
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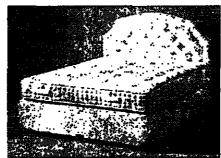
with burid tales about Brussels trying to phase out district nurses because they did not exist on the Continent, ban the use of King Edward potatoes because of the threat of potato wart disease, and stop the sale of Bramley apples because their curious shapes and sizes did not meet EC standards.

Newspaper editors had a field day with stories about malevolent bureaucrats plotting to stop the sale of doorstep milk, and prevent boys and girls from taking up paper rounds. Both of these hoary tales are still in circulation today, two decades later, proving beyond doubt that the facts are rarely allowed to get in the way of a good story.

Once a rumour gets under way, however (such as the claim that Brussels was trying lavatories) journalists have no choice but to follow it up. There is always the chance that it might be true. Below are some recent Euro-stories, almost all of which have appeared in the public prints. They amply illustrate the difficulties of sorting myth from reality in Brussels.

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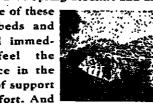
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I New EC hygiene regulations require fishermen to wear hair nets while working. True/False 2 Under recent single market legislation, Christmas trees can be traded across frontiers only if they are

symmetrical in shape with regularly spaced needles. True/False 3 According to the recent EC directive on jams, carrots must be classified as fruit. True/False

4 Because of new safety regulations, charity shops such as Oxfam and Age Concern are prohibited from selling second-hand toys. True/False

5 Under new EC health rules for milk products, traditional French cheeses such as unnasteurised Camembert will be banned. True/False

6 Brussels tried to ban traditional methods of hanging turkey, pheasant and other game birds, complete with gently-decomposing entrails, on the grounds that they were unhygienic. True/False 7 Dangerous products, including

inflammable foam-filled furniture, can legally be sold in Britain from January 1. True/False 8 Brussels tried to ban the sale of prawn cocktail and tomato ketchup flavoured crisps. True/False

I False. A new directive, eff-

ective from January 1, does im-pose stringent hygiene

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workers aboard factory vessels. All have to wear suitable head

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Europe Christmas Tree Growers'

Association is, however, attempting to introduce new cate-

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9 Fishing boats are required to carry a minimum stock of 200 condoms to ensure that fishermen have "safe sex". True/False

10 Brussels attempted to introduce a blank tape levy on audio and video tapes. True/False

11 Boys and girls will be forced to give up their paper rounds because of plans by Brussels to introduce a new directive protecting young people at work. True/False

12 British oak cannot be used to make Euro furniture because Commission officials have ruled that it is too knotty. True/False 13 New regulations lay down the permissible degree of curve and depth of colour for cucumbers.

14 Because of new food hygiene regulations, the Royal Navy's tradition of stirring Christmas pudding mixture with wooden oars will be illegal



Euro target: will charity shops be the target of new safety legislation?

from Christmas 1993. True/False 15 New Eurosnow rules will ban skiing where the depth of snow is less than 20 centimetres. True/False 16 Brussels is trying to abolish milkmen and the tradition of doorstep milk deliveries. True/False 17 New Euroloo rules require all newly-installed cisterns in Britain to flush 7.5 litres of water. True/False 18 Bath buns, York ham, Cheddar cheese, and Brussels sprouts, will respectively have to come from Bath.

True/False 19 Brussels has banned the manufacture of lawnmowers which do not meet specified noise emission standards. True/Faise

York, Cheddar, and Brussels.

20 New European safety regulations require firemen to replace their traditional yellow protective trou-sers with EC-approved blue trousers. True/False

21 Brussels is drafting new regulations to decimalise the musical scale This will involve the creation of a new department to re-score all existing dassical music. Some pieces may have to be extended or cut to fit. Work is expected to begin with Mozart. The project will take 15 years, and

should provide work for thousands of unemployed musicians. True/False

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ANSWERS

treated milk, and milk-based products are required to meet new hygiene standards in an effort to eliminate outbreaks of listeria and salmonella, or face being ban them per se.
6 True. Brussels originally tried to prohibit the practice. Because of pressure from Britain, however, the bureaucrats were forced to modify their position, and eventually allow the practice of "delayed evisceration" of turkey, pheasant and other game to continue. 7 False. The sale of all products, from fireworks to pushchairs, must comply with EC or national safety requirements. Any product which fails to meet the egulations can legally be sent back to its country of origin. 8 False. During negotiations on the directive covering the use of additives in food. Britain failed to notify the Commission of the particular additive needed to manufacture all flavoured crisps but it was later added to the

9 False. There is no EC direct y rase. There is no EC direc-tive containing such an obligation. 10 True. The proposal was made in an attempt to compensate copyright holders for unauthorised home taping. Britain insisted, however, that the levy would discriminate roups reliant on blank tapes, and the proposal was dropped.

11 False. A limit of 15 hours a ek and three hours a day will be imposed on young people seeking work while in full-time on. Such work must be outside school hours. Paper 12 False. No draft directive directive or regulation from sels has ever sought to prohibit

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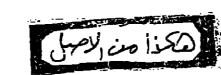
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14 False. The new hygiene directive simply states that materials in contact with foodstuffs should not transfer their constituents to foodstuffs "in quantities which could endanger human 15 False. The European Com-

mission has made no such pro-posal. The European padiament has, however, called for restrictions on alpine ski re-sort development where snow is less than 20 centimetres deep, in order to prevent further dam-age to the alpine environment. 16 False, Faced with the threat of legal action for protectionist trade practices, Britain was forced to allow the sale of French UHT malk But the

as a plot by Brussels to stamp out doorstep milk. 17 False. The new regulations, which come into effect on January 1, have been laid down by British water bylaws. They have nothing whatsoever to do with Brussels. 18 False. However, the Commission has extended the "appellation controllée" sys-tem from wine to foodstuffs to protect certain products whose quality or reputation is attributable to a specific loca-tion

tion or process. 19 True. Common noise emission standards for lawnmowers and standards for lawinnowers were introduced in an effort to prevent countries protecting their domestic lawinnower inclusivy from external compenion with specious noise standards 20 Faise Common standards for fire fighting equipment and clothing are being introduced, but existing equipment and cloth-ing on the state of the s will be manufactured in 1993?

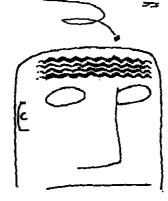


A sting mostly in the tale

NO DOCTOR in Britain wants to have to add dengue to his or her differential diagnosis when confronted with a patient with a high fever, a rash accompanied by bright red hands and feet, a splitting headache and severe joint pains. But alarmist reports suggesting that the arrival in Britain of the aedes mosquito which carries the dengue virus from person to person constitutes just such a danger seem misplaced.

The mosquito larvae have been imported in the stagnant water that collects in the tyres of old cars brought to Britain for reclamation. In the Far East, where acdes is traditionally established, the mosquito also preeds in small pools of water, whether lying in guttering. flower pots or even in holes in the stumps of trees. The mosquito in recent years has spread to Africa, South America, the Caribbean and even North

Whereas simple clengue fever, more picturesquely known as breakbone or dandy fever, is



an unpleasant but not usually dangerous experience, children can suffer a more severe form, which can be fatal. This is called dengue haemorrhagic fever, in which the bloodclotting mechanism is damaged, and bleeding can occur

in the skin and internal organs. The risk of infection in Britain is minuscule. We may soon have to bear with the nuisance of being bitten by another variety of mosquito, but there is no danger of dengue fever from this, unless the mosquito has previously bitten a patient suffering from it, which is a highly unlikely event whether in central London or rural Norfolk.

On the trail of a killer

DR DAVID FOREMAN, from Oxford, and Professor Timothy Oliver, from the Royal London Hospital, have been cast as Morse and Lewis as they attempt to solve one of the greatest medical mysteries of recent times. The problem to be solved is: why did the rate of testicular cancer start to rise at the turn of the century and why has the rate of increase so accelerated that the incidence has nearly doubled in the past 20 years?

Each year, testicular cancer kills 150, mainly young, men (for although it can affect any age, most patients are under 45) and is life-threatening to another 1,000.

Professor Oliver said recently that 94 per cent of all cases of malignant disease of the testes treated at the Royal London between 1986 and 1988 had now survived the necessary time for the assumption of a cure. He had every hope that this cure rate would continue to improve as expertise, both in surgery and in the three drugs used bleomycin, carboplatin, and etoposide
—in different combinations, continued

to progress.
Thirty years ago, the majority of patients died and even today, the treatment is likely to be more successful



only if started early. Professor Oliver therefore fights a relentless campaign to increase men's awareness of the importance of any change in the size or shape of their testes

Patients should not necessarily attribute any change in shape to a blow, because often an injury serves to draw attention to a testis already diseased. Nor should they be misled by the presence or absence of pain testicular tumours can be, but are not invariably, painful.

Research into testicular size has led to the discovery of a possible cine to the cause of the mystery. Those testicles which develop malignancies are often, before the disease starts, smaller than normal even if not actually atrophied. In some cases, the atrophy has been due to mumps, in some to damage

following an injury or partial twisting, in others to a mal-descended testis. The testes should migrate to the scrotum around birth, but if one is left behind in the abdomen, it has a 20 times greater

chance of developing cancer.

The investigating team is working on the theory that a testis which fails to function efficiently because of partial atrophy is spurred on to greater efforts by the over-production of two pinitary hormones, FSH and LH, which control its activity, and it is an excess of these hormones which are responsible for later malignant change.

Anxious young men can forget tight pants as a cause of cancer. They may reduce fertility but have been cleared of the charge of inducing malignant change. Similarly, the sedentary work-er who sits all day with his genitals hitched up is now known to be at less risk, provided he exercises daily. Was it all mother's fault? A school of thought blames the mother's hormone balance for their son's later testicular problems. There is evidence that the mother's hormone levels in pregnancy may be relevant, but it is their level of tosterone, rather than oestrogen, as had previously been thought, which is



Bringing baby out of the cold

HAD two boys not been searching for golf balls on a Nottinghamshire course, Christopher, the new-born baby abandoned in the frosty undergrowth, would have died of hypothermia.

Babies withstand cold less ell than adults as they have a large surface area for their size and reflex systems that in adults can improve heat production and conservation are not yet developed. Babies cannot shiver. Shivering may not seem a vigorous activity, but it

raises beat production fivefold. Babies have to rely on an increased metabolic ran: of the brown fat stored on their upper back to guard against cold. But once this has been used, they are defenceless. The battle may not be won even after the hypothermic baby is placed in an incubator because, as the i'nfant's temperature rises, 50 « loes its blood sugar fall, which can result in hypoglycaemia. a no possibly coma. .

A hypothermic baby's ruddy complexion can easily mislead dextors. Oxygenated, brightrevil, stagnant blood suggests he alth. The best method is to use: a low-reading thermometer to 1 ake a rectal temperature.

Tonight, millions will eat, drink . . . and possibly go down with food poisoning. Julia Llewellyn Smith reports on how to avoid a nauseous new year

When an army marches on your stomach

n Boxing day night half my family was writhing in agony. Those who could not find a lavatory bowl were vomiting into plastic buckets. As my father pathetically put it, "It felt like something rotten inside me was trying to get out of both ends as fast as

None of them had drunk too much and none had flu. We concluded they were vic-tims of the oysters they had all eaten 36 hours earlier in a restaurant where we had gone on Christmas day to give my mother a break. Given that she was up the whole of the following night, armed with a mop and a bottle of disinfec-

tant, it was just as well. The restaurant said that one member of staff had succumbed, but claimed that it was because the oysters were very rich, rather than contaminated, an improbable excuse to anyone who had witnessed my cousin vomit almost nonstop for eight hours.

All over Britain similar scenes were taking place, as hundreds of people felt the after-effects of seasonal celebrations. According to Dr Ken McGechaen, a locum registrar at the infectious diseases unit at Seacroft Hospital, Leeds,

the festive season sees a rise in reported cases of food poisoning as people gorge themselves on a variety of exotic foods. În addition, "They spend more time than usual at parties and there is more reheating of leftovers. So the chances of infection increase." Dr McGechaen

says. Despite an education programme and legislation to improve general standards of hygiene, 61,462 cases of food poisoning were reported to the public health authorities in 1992, an increase of more than 10,000 on last year. This is in addition to the thousands of cases which

were treated at home. Although most people recover quickly from the experience. with only a few lost pounds to show for it, some elderly people have died from the severe dehydration which can

Food poisoning is the result of eating food or drinking water that is contaminated with bacteria, viruses or toxins. The incubation period before a reaction can be as long as 48 hours, but when bacteria such as staphylococcus, which is transmitted during food preparation, are involved, people will feel it almost immediately. This was the probable cause of George Bush's collapse in the middle of a banquet in Japan last January, although he po-litely attributed his sickness to

gastric flu. According to Dr McGechaen, staphylococcus is the main cause of food poisoning epidemics, which sometimes occur after wedding feasts or any other type of mass banquet, because it grows on warm food and survives

reheating.-The organism thought to be responsible for up to 70 per cent of all other cases of food povisoning is salmonella, which is found in all foods of ani mal origin: meat, milk and, most notoriously in this country, eggs. The other main offender is campylobacter, which is transmitted by birds pecking at milk bottle tops, and can also be found in cont'aminated beef and

chick, M. The foods with the worst reputation for poisoning are oysters , and mussels, although Dr Mc Gechaen says this is undeserved: "All foods carry risks, you cannot single one out as being more dangerous than another." However, the fact that oysters are often served naw means that any bacteria present will not be killed off by cooking, which is when most foods are made

Purificatio n processes usually remove army bacteria from oysters' gut ti saue but viruses. which live in the tissue and come from sea water contaminated by sewage, cannot be killed off, although environmental health checks make sure that oysters are bred in water as pure as possible. Raw ovsters should be served alive and should have been stored in melting ice. I'n Southeast Asia, however, all oysters

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seafood suppliers and restaurateurs are rightly indignant at having to take the blame for every festive bount of sickness, saying that be force they point an accusing fing at sufferers should think about how much they had to dri nk and whose bugs they mig int have picked up while kissir ig under the mistletoe the nigi it

ome British oyster farmers claim that sickness is usually an allergic reaction. which can be spotted because it will come on suddenly. usually accompanied by a rash. John Bayes, the manager of Seasaher Shellfish in Whitstable, Kent, who sold 30,000 oysters in the week before Christmas, more than double his average weekly figure, says: "My men eat oysters straight off the beach. but they've had enough of

them over the years." Christopher Kerrison, the manager of Colchester Oyster Fisheries, thinks, unsurprisingly perhaps, that the answer is for everyone to eat more oysters. "We ought to eat a few every day to build up our resistance," he says. "We live in a sterile world, increasingly so since American ideas about hygiene were taken up by the EC. We need to build up our antibodies to infection. If we

are too dean we will keel over every time we encounter a

Folklore has it that food poisoning strikes when people eat out but, according to Dr McGechaen, this is not the case. "Logically, if we prepare our food at home, we have a greater say about hygiene. But most bugs are actually con-tracted in our own kitchens." he says. They say it must have been something they are in a restaurant and don't connect it with anything they made themselves. "There have been outbreaks from food outlets. but they are uncommon, because the law is so strict."

Nonetheless, revellers who do not want their new year festivities to be blighted are advised to avoid food to which they have reacted badly in the past, along with any dish which may have been reheated, or is undercooked, such as tortillas or beef stroganoff.

People should also beware of buffets or salad bars where food may have been allowed to stand out of the refrigerator for

Cold meats which have been left out in the warm are especially risky, as is anything containing raw eggs. Ideally, food should be screened, to prevent flies, dust and bacteria landing on it, and

should not be kept

providing proof that near doors, under rotating fans or in direct sunlight. where it will be subject to temperature change. Other measures include storing meat underneath dairy produce in reing-erators. "Many cases of poisoning occur when blood from the raw joint of beef drips into the trifle," Dr

McGechaen says. The best way to prevent food contamination is for anyone with the mildest of stomach upsets to wash their hands frequently and avoid preparing food.

In the end, though, no one is invulnerable. "It is largely a matter of individual susceptibility," Dr McGechaen says. "Four people can eat the same trifle, but only one drop of cream can be affected and only one person will fall ill. Some stomachs are stronger than For those who are affected,

the best treatment is to let the body build its own antibodies, rather than to ply the system with over-the-counter temedies such as kaolin. An afflicted person should keep off solid foods and drink plenty of fluids, such as lemon barley vater or a glucose-based d 'rink, which include essential st igar and salt that is being lost th rough diarrhoea and vomiting?. Symptoms will usually de ir up within 24 hours. and ther 1 a light meal, such as soup and dry toast, should be eaten. Occausionally, when the sickness I has been severe, intrave-

given in hospital Your will feel uncomfortable. 15 ut unless your system has been seriously weakened by som e other disease you will survive, 'Dr McGechaen says. We illon't give children in

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for example, because they are probably not strong enough to cope with any bug lurking there that a healthy child would throw off."

Once the illness is over, a sufferer's thoughts may turn to compensation. According to Rebecca Evans, a barrister with the Consumers' Association, customers poisoned by restaurant food can claim damages. "If you know for certain that it was the food. then the restaurant is in breach of contract. It is obviously negligent to serve con-taminated food," she says.

The difficulty lies in

the food, rather than the wine or a coincidental bug, was the culprit. Restaurants are cagey about food poisoning, many strongly deny that their hygiene or suppliers could be at fault, preferring to blame their customers' lack of sophistication. Marie-Jeanne Collins, who manages Café Fish in central London (not the restaurant at which my family dined), says: "If you are brought up by the ea as I was, you will not get this problem. It has everything to do with your everyday diet. If you only eat certain kinds of foods you will react badly to

new kinds." Anyone with a suspected case of poisoning should first get a doctor to ascertain the cause of illness and then contact an environmental health officer through the local council. He or she can then visit the restaurant's kitchens and identify a possible cause. The ideal is to have a sample of the food consumed, whether as a leftover or in its regurgitated state.— although Ms Evans admits that someone struck down is unlikely to have the presence of mind to keep a

sample of vomit aside. If the case can be proved, then technically the customer can sue. "It would be a very lengthy and costly business to sue for damages, but with proof on your side you would be in a very strong position to sente out of court." Ms Evans says. "In fact, you could drive a pretty hard bargain. Even if there is no hard

evidence, circumstantial proof - such as everybody in the party falling ill on the same night - should be adequate grounds for a refund and apology. My family is still waiting for news of how, and if, the restaurant intends to compensate us - for the four bottles of disinfectant we got through, and a sleepless night.

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In an exclusive interview with Anatole Kaletsky and Peter Riddell the Chancellor maps out his plans

or people outside the Trea-sury, 1992 may have seemed L. like an armus hornbilis for the British economy, but Norman Lamont has no apologies or regrets. The Chamerics enters the New Year betweening with confidence, both about his own position in John Major's government and about the economic prospects. The main political event of the past year. he feels, was not the government's retreat from the ERM, but its triumph in winning a fourth successive election. In that victory, Mr Larnout believes that his 1992 Budget and his attacks on Labour tax politing played a crucial part, second only to "the factor of John Major himself".

He rejects all speculation about his political future. Asked about reports that he might move from the Treasury in a new year resinfile, he replied: "I enjoy the job brugely and I have nothing else in raind, thank you. Frankly all these speculations are just made in the media. I've known what the postion has been all this time - I've never been in any doubt that I would deliver the Budget."

If Mr Lamont is confident, both about his personal position and about the economy, it is in part because of the Autumn States which he believes did all that was necessary to get an economic recovery finally under way.

There is every reason to believe that 1993 will be much better than 1992. I would not be surprised if trends in the British economy were hetter than in some of our European competitors. In Britain, as elsewhere, the real barrier to economic recovery has been a lack of confidence, which was, of course, damaged further by the shock of sterling's suspension from the ERM. But since then, we have taken a number of important steps which I believe have created the right conditions for confidence and growth.

The three-point cut in interest rates and the sharp fall in sterling since Black Wednesday has pro-duced a "very substantial" easing in monetary policy. And with many

Lamont's sparkling new year

spending power - perhaps twothirds of the impact — is still in the pipeline." The Autumn Statement also offered help to sectors that had suffered most from recession housing, construction, and manufacturing. Those measures were designed to lift confidence and thus to foster growth, and judging by the very warm welcome they received, there is every chance that they will

But Mr Lamont's bullishness does have its drawbacks. Many businessmen and economists have called for further reductions in interest rates in the new year, yet he seems unconvinced by their pleas.

"If monetary demand was plainly too low, and growth of numinal GDP was manifestly too low, then I think we would consider an easing of policy," he said. But what does he mean by "manifestly too low"?

If the economy performs in line with the Treasury's forecasts, which show a 1 per cent recovery next year, will there be any expectation of a change in interest rates? Mr Lamont replies with an emphatic "no". And does he believe that the Automa Statement measures will prove sufficient for the forecasts to be realised? The Chancellor feels confident that they will.

Looking back on the past year's tormost in monetary policy and the foreign exchanges, Mr Lamont is equally sangaine. The exchange rate mechanism has existed since 1979 and it has brought enormous benefits to its members. This country too achieved considerable benehis for much of the time sterling was in the ERM. Mr Lamont feels more confident than ever that British policy was not to blame for sterling's forced withdrawai.

The main fault-line was not so much in the mechanism itself, but in the divergence between the requirements of German monetary



To tax or not to tax? Lamont outlines his strategy to Kaletsky and Riddell at the Treasury

policy and our own requirements. We can now see the issue more dearly, and subsequent developments show that what happened was not the result of a unique British problem. Those pressures are still there, though one can anticipate a time when they might

As for the speculation that British withdrawal from the ERM might encourage an inner core of European countries to move towards an even tighter monetary union, Mr Lamont is unperturbed. "If a number of countries agreed to observe narrower margins, I believe the implications for Britain would be limited provided Britain managed to keep its inflation rate close to that of the hard-core group.
That is precisely the objective we have set ourselves. The key determinants of whether we suffer or whether we prosper are whether we stay competitive against the rest of the community and whether Brit-

for inward investment. We intend

to achieve both." Mr Lamont also appears relaxed about external pressures on the Britsh economy in future. The growing current account deficit has been identified by many private economists as the most serious constraint on economic growth in the medium term. But the Chancellor disagrees.

don't believe we will have difficulty in financing our deficit. I'm not indifferent, obviously, to the trend of the current account, though I don't regard it as my major problem. Insofar as I'm concerned by it, that is yet another reason why we should act, over the medium term, to control the public

sector borrowing requirement."

It is the PSBR that keeps recurring as the biggest challenge that will face the Treasury in the medium term. "We have to refocus on the size of the PSBR," he says, acknowledging that part of the

increase in public borrowing cannot be explained away by the recession. "There is clearly a level of public borrowing which, if it con-tinued over the medium term, would be profoundly unsatisfactory. It would lead in a comparatively short period of time to our debt to GDP ratio rising."

Mr Lamont notes that Britain is fortunate in having reduced its public debt ratio very sharply during the 1980s. Even after a few years of large borrowing, Britain's debt to GDP ratio would still be below that of most countries in Europe. But "having worked so hard in the 1980s to establish this very healthy position, it would be very wrong to throw it all away".

What, then, should be done

about the PSBR? The Chancellor does not accept that the government's spending plans are unsustainable. "The remit - to keep real growth of public spending within the trend growth of the economy was chosen precisely because it is tough decisions on spending. What matters is the political will of the government. I believe that will

exists and will continue to exist."

But if public spending is to remain on the course charted in the the PSBR as the economy recovers - a goal Mr Lamont reiterated in his interview - will surely require higher taxes? ·

The Chanceller will not comment directly on this point, but he does rule out other possible ways of closing the budget gap. He strongly rejects suggestions that middle-class tax reliefs and social security entitlements should be radically overhauled. "I don't accept for a moment that all tax allowances are a middle-class welfare state. That's rubbish. Sensible tax allowances just let people keep a bit of their

As for social security, Mr Lamont stresses the government's intention to stick to its manifesto pledges, including raising the basic retirement pension and child benefit in line with inflation. Asked whether unexpected events since the election might require such commitments to be modified, he replies bluntly: We've got to keep our manifesto

But the manifesto also promised "make further progress" in reducing the basic rate of income tax, so aren't the options for deficit reduction limited to raising national insurance contributions (an income tax increase in very thin disguise) or raising more from value added tax?

Mr Lamont will not comment on these options, but when it is pointed out that ministers have consi refused to rule out the possibility of extending VAT to items such as food, fuel and public transport, he acknowledges that this is true.

Of course, extending the scope of VAT, apart from its political unpop-

ularity would make it harder to continue reducing inflation, which Mr Lamont stresses again and again as his over-riding objective. After leaving the ERM, bearing down on inflation has become more important than ever. "I am determined to get inflation down to the bottom half of the target range of 1 to 4 per cent."

But how can such low inflation be guaranteed once the economy begins to pick up? The answer is clear, the Chancellor must continue to use his best judgment, with the help of Treasury advice.

r Lamont has no time for critics who want monean independent Bank of England or some other body outside the Treasury. "It is a mistake to believe that changes in the institutional setup can solve the problem of fighting inflation. Giving the bank responsibility for monetary policy would not create any new instrument. I believe the moves to much greater openness in monetary policy, which I have already described, will enhance accountability, and will give the markets greater confidence that our decisions are being made in a way which is consistent with our inflation objectives. I very much doubt if changing the status of the bank would add much to

As for the Treasury's new advisory panel of outside economists, Mr Lamont is even more blunt "The main aim of the panel is to provide an independent analysis and forecast of the economy, which should also help to break the idea that the Treasury, good as it is, has some kind of monopoly of wisdom in this area. I would not have set the panel up had I not been keen to hear what it had to say, though I read the members' views already. The decisions - and any credit or

hłame — stay with me!" There can now be no doubt about who is responsible for economic policy, whether it succeeds or fails. Clearly Mr Lamont expects his policies in the new year to be more successful than in 1992.

Prayers of poison

here's no pleasing some folk, not even when the matter concerns the proppeople to be murdered. The tragedy of the two Indian semples in Ayodhya, razed to the ground with mutual bloodshed that has already brought well over LORD deaths. has now taken a new and maddler turn. The Indian government has announced that it will build both a Hindu temple and a Mustime mosque, on the site of the original destruction and killings trains a judgment of Solomen. But now both the Hindus and the Muslims are up in arms against the gropesal, and India will be links if the arms are only meraphoricali.

The first intimating that two gifthorses are being looked in the mouth came from the Hindus. Their World Carcell insign that they must be allowed a new temple on the site of the original which was dedicated to the god Ram. So far, so good: there is, it seems, quite enough land to accommodate both the temple and the most us. But the Hindus demand the whole of the site, arguing that it is sured to Ram Meanwhile however the Muslims have also decounced the governments plan, saying that it is playing with the samments of the " (Hindis de Ladie outnumber divisions by nearly eight

It is tempting to quote Shakespeare — so remoting that I shall succurab to remotation: "A plague o' both their houses". But we cannot lesse hithers, if only because the combatants catainly won't. If we mensure out own religions, we can be thankful that Assicans do not murder Cathelies, nor do frenzieli Bartists set fire to the conventicles of Methodists. Another temptation locats; would that we might take our teligions as serionally as they do in India. No one knows how many Indi-

Bernard Levin on how religious fanatics undermine decent society

ans clied in the slaughter that accompanied and followed parti-tion: it is very unlikely to be fewer than a million. That should have taught India how to live in harmony; after all, it had lived in harmony through most of the years of the Rai, and even the independence struggle was waged with remarkable restraint on both sides, not only because Gandhi would not have it otherwise. But it is clear now that over the years, religious fanaticism in India has thrown a mighty shadow over the entire state.

Are we entering a new age of religion? Not long ago, I dropped a tiny stone, wondering whether anyone would pick it up, though mobody did. I said that before seven years were out this country would have enacted legislation which in some undramatic ways would curb the activities, including the reli-gious activities, of British Muslims.

Not a day passes now without a newspaper or broadcast referring to "fundamentalist Muslims", and more often than not the story concerns some violent action by them. But there is a catch in it, fundamentalist Islam is shaking the Muslim states themselves and, with the exception of Pakistan, they are becoming more and more alarmed by the actions of the fanatics. (A year or so ago the Algerian government rigorously suppressed Algeria's fundamentalist movement, but only yesterday there came news that the government is likely to fall, and to fall to the fundamentalists themselves.)

True, all religions have fanatic fringes; there are fundamentalists in the Church of England, insisting that every word of the Bible is the literal truth (including all the

zens certain rights of punishment - though not capital, to be sure over their co-religionists. Perhaps, indeed, my soothsaying - of restrictions on Muslim activities contradictory genealogies in the will first come true just as my seven begat business), and it must be the — er — devil's own job for years are up. But if it does come true, be sure it will not do so in the Archbishop Carey to refrain from form of Dr Siddiqui and his press-cuttings album; it will be somebody banging a few of them over the not at all ridiculous, and truly head with his crook. Even the Jews are at it: there is a bunch of them in Jerusalem who stone the cars of

I have strayed far from Ayodhya passers-by driving past them on the and its future, if any. If I have Sabbath, and another lot who insist discussed the Muslims primarily, it that they are in the wrong country. is because they now loom larger But some go much further. Not than other religions, but if there is one thing that history can be sure long ago I wrote about a murder case in Britain, in which an 18of, it is that for every Reformation year-old girl from a Muslim family there is a Counter-Reformation, was killed by her brothers; she had and the rise of Hinduism, in its present fanatical and violent Indibeen associating with an English boy, non-Muslim, whom they muran form, will surely tilt the clamdered too. I quoted, and I quote it our in a different direction, beagain now, a newspaper heading fore another Reformation tilts it over the murder story, which read "Muslims in Britain have been Happily, English religion had its

divided by the murder of Sharifan bloody and violent period centuries ago; nobody will commit murder Bibi, 18, by members of her own because of the NEB (more's the family as a punishment for pity), or even in an argument about the ordination of women. A few f you stop and think about it, paragraphs ago I suggested that we would be better off if we took our that must be a remarkable division: it can only mean own religion more seriously; by that some Muslims in Britain now. I am much less sure. Surely, think that a bloody double murder Christ, Buddha, Muhammad, Confucius, Lao Tse and all the by a pair of fanatical swine is a horrible and wicked thing, but that other great teachers, must weep other Muslims in Britain think that when they see their messages of love flung on bonfires, while intolsuch an occurrence is not a horrible and wicked thing presumably erance, anger, hatred, cruelty and violence stalk the world; if you want indeed, inevitably - because the victims, though they had broken no irony that one, surely, is the greatest law of this country, had trans-

Or perhaps the second greatest. From independence, India has insisted that it is a secular state; any worship is permitted, but the state itself has no religion. Tell that to the builders of the new Ayodhya; for that matter, tell it to the demolition squads who will follow hard upon.



Chalker makes mark

AS IOSEN TUSA clears his desk at | Jones are both staunch allies of the the BBC World Service for the last time today, colleagues are putting their morey on Baroness Chalker ashismustlikely successor. Having lost her Commerce seat at the election, the ownsers aid minister and deputy foreign secretary is changes to be looking for a career

many from politics.
The jab of managing director of the World Service, whose funding comes from the foreign office, would be the ideal challenge for Chalker, who has been sported recently in the corridors of Bush Hionse ir wordi also fulfil John Major's clasire to see more women iz top poblicjobs.

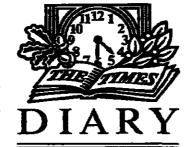
Meer is by no means home and day Jerry Abramsky, editor of cases and current affairs for BBC Ranto and Patricia Hodgson, beneficif policy and planning at the ESC, are thought to be in the

The departure of Chalker from the fereign office, following the recent emouncement of Tristan Gazel-Jones's resignation, would case a vacuum at the top of the constriction. Chalker and Garelprime minister and he will have trouble recruiting such experienced foreign hands to two of the most important jobs outside the Cabinet. One solution would be to give the

overseas aid post to Baroness Blatch, his close friend, who was made a privy counsellor in today's Honours list. It would put Blatch, an education minister, within striking distance of the Cabinet and would have the benefit of maintaining the status quo in terms of the ratio and seniority of ministers in the Lords and Commons.

David Heathcoat-Amory, deputy

chief whip, is being tipped for the post of minister of state with responsibility for European affairs. If he gets it, it will be the second time he has stepped into the shoes of Garel-Jones, who was previously denuty chief whin. But Heathcote-Amory's premotion is not assured. Stephen Dorrell, the treasury minister, and John Redwood from the DTI are both ripe for promotion. Dorrell, a protege of Lord Walker, would fit into the rarefied atmosphere of tize foreign office reasonably well. What the mandarins at



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and were therefore fit only for

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onment. Now tell me how long you

think it will be before there is a

serious demand for the enactment

The two murderers were found

King Charles Street would make of the arch-Thatcherite Redwood remains to be seen.

Gong gang

THE elevation to the House of Lords of Shirley Williams completes the reunion of the original SDP Gang of Four. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank will be delighted to make room on the red leather benches for their former colleague. Lord Owen, busily trying to bring peace to the Balkans, is still to bury the hatchet with his former colleagues following their merger with the Liberals.

Jenkins, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers, says: "Shirley has nearly come to the end of her Harvard University commitment. We hope that she is going to be in the Lords a very great deal. She is an extremely valuable recruit."

Williams is expected to be offered a job on the front bench before long. Indeed, when Jenkins decides to take a less active role he may well look to her as his successor. "Certainly at some stage I will wish to divest myself of this. The thought has crossed my mind as to who might take over but it would be silly to talk about that now."

Wedding belle

THE announcement yesterday of the engagement of Elisabeth Murdoch, daughter of Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive of News Corporation, to Elkin Pianim marks an especially happy ending to 1992. In March Andrews Kwarne Pianim, Elkin's father and a leading Ghanaian economist, was released from prison after serving nine years of an 18-year sentence. He had been accused of plotting to overthrow Ghana's dictator, Jerry Rawlings. In an interview after his release, Pianim said: "Conditions in prison are difficult at the beginning when you are used to being your own man. Sometimes there were about 30 in

Better to wail. Jonah

JAMES Jonah may have discovered, to his cost, the first rule of diplomacy. Jonah (left), the UN special envoy who has been in Israel to inter-

cede on behalf of the Palestinians stranded in no man's land, now knows not to smile too

broadly. Reporting on his progress, Swiss television broadcast a news report showing a group of Palestinians standing ankle deep in snow. As the reporter announced that Jonah had appeared to have had little success, the camera panned to show Jonah apparently laughing heartily in the company of Israel's prime minister Yitzhak Rabin (right), who seemed no less amused. Diplomatic eyebrows were raised in Geneva.

a cell. All you have is your little corner and your bed but it shows you that a man does not need that much to survive." Since his release he has been rebuilding his life in Accra with Cornelia, his Dutch

Midnight mystery

CARLTON Television executives have been looking forward to tonight for the past two years. At the first chime of midnight the new

ing to viewers in London and the southeast. But despite months of planning Carlton still does not know whose face will be the first to grace the screen. There is a chance will be Ken Johnson, of the Viking Society in Islington, or Dave Ell, a fly fisherman from Winslow. Then again it might be photographer Terence Donovan. They, along with scores of other ordinary

television station starts broadcast-

Londoners, will act as a logo for

Carlton A spokesman for Carlton

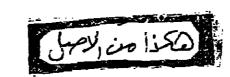
says: "We had thought it would be Chris Tarrant, who is hosting A Carlton New Year, but we have decided to precede the programme with one of our identification Whatever sceptics might say

about the honours system, Britain is a nation of gong-lovers. A new national service medal is proving so popular there is non a two-month waiting list to buy one. Sixteen million people who registered for civilian national service during the second world war and more than five million postwar con-scripts are entitled to display the £24.75 cupro-nickel bauble.

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TRUMPS FOR HONOURS

Five modest proposals to restore honour to the honours system

So here to bring in the New Year comes another honours list of the old sort: hierarchical, huge, craftily networked, a pretty pyramid of baubles to reward the boys and girls who have pleased their political masters. As a former government whip, John Major may be reluctant to reduce his stock of useful carrots and sticks. But for a prime minister who declared when he succeeded to the office that he wanted to work towards a classless society, he has been disappointingly slow to grapple with the honours that are the outward and visible symbols of a class-riven society.

In a radio interview last week, Mr Major said that he proposed no dramatic changes in the honours system. But starting with the Queen's birthday honours list in June. "automaticity" of awards for judges, civil servants who reach a certain rank, and politicians who do as the whips tell them will be gradually phased out. "I believe honours should reflect merit," said Mr Major, which is like an American televangelist bearing witness that he is against sin.

Any honours system is by definition hierarchical: some get the things, others don't Not many stern republicans would abolish honours. But here are five modest proposals to produce a sensible honours system for a would-be meritocratic representative democracy in the late 20th century.

The honours lists are absurdly big, including well over 2,000 people a year, and bewilderingly graded by ranks, orders and classes. It takes a textual critic to understand the system. In size, and in the complexity of orders that reflect the last doubtful enchantments of the gang warfare of the Middle

Ages, it needs drastic pruning.

The offensive distinction between honours reserved for different ranks should be abolished. At present "other ranks" such as long serving school janitors and prime ministerial chauffeurs receive British Empire Medals, roughly a third of all awards, and named appropriately after an empire that ceased to exist 50 years ago. The multifarious grander honours are reserved for officers and gentlemen. Footballers and television stars get the OBE or something nearly as lowly, to tickle the tabloids,

cricketers and straight actors do better. The cast-iron tradition by which certain titles go to certain ranks in certain jobs high court judges, lieutenant-generals, permanent secretaries — should be ended. Honours should be for service for the public good beyond normal duty. They should not be delivered as automatically as the milk.

Mr Major should end "political" honours for MPs who have always voted at their party's call, and never thought of thinking for themselves at all, and for contributors of share-holders' money to party funds. He should devise ways to ensure that "working" peers never become an oxymoron. Honours are by nature political, from the warlord kings who rewarded their magnates with titles to James VI/I refreshing his treasury by flogging baronetcies. The venality of political honours is not as blatant as when they were sold à la carte by Lloyd George. But it still arouses righteous scorn.

Fifth, the obsessive secrecy surrounding the working of the system should end. It is a private arcanum of public patronage, whose workings cannot be questioned in parliament, but which remains entirely in the control of Downing Street and its wellgreased honours machinery.

The system would be better run from Buckingham Palace, which is good at such points of honour, and manages the few honours reserved under its control notably better than the politicians. This would return to the monarchy a new role, at a time when its function is under examination. But it is not going to happen. However, a reforming government, which wanted to make Britain a country at ease with itself, would see that its honours did less to cheapen society and divide the classes. As Aristotle put it, writing the editorial on an earlier honours list: "Dignity does not consist in getting hon-

ours, but in deserving them."

RING IN THE NEW MARKET

The EC now needs to look to the health of world trade

Beacons will be lit and fireworks set off tonight; and remarkably, the European Community is the object of these New Year's eve celebrations. To rejoice at the completion of some 300 new EC regulations may seem positively wayward. Yet the free movement of "goods, people, services and capital" throughout the EC, the goal to which these directives purport to be addressed, is market", the completion of which is celebrated tonight, is potentially the EC's greatest achievement since the signing of the Treaty of Rome. There is much room for vigilance, in 1993 and beyond, to ensure that the new rules do not allow bureaucracy to have its red-taped way with these freedoms. There is none for carping tonight.

The symbolic date of December 31, 1992 was dreamt up seven years ago to concentrate Europe's mind on the potential benefits of fusing national markets. The 1992 programme was designed as a shock to the prevailing cultures of both business and government across Europe: its architects have achieved that aim at least. Businesses may shrink or grow, eat their competitors or be eaten. But those who run them will have to plan on a larger canvas, search out new opportunities and count hercer competition into their calculations.

The single market is about knocking down barriers to enterprise - whether that of the lawyer who wants to practice in another EC country or the East Anglian miller who has never heard the old saw about taking coals to Newcastle and believes he can compete with Italians for the Neapolitan spaghetti market. All this the Treaty of Rome seemed to promise, but for it to happen, EC governments had to agree to abolish a mass of nontariff barriers and the European Commission to switch to a lighter style of EC-wide law-making.

Not all capitals took the hint. Monitoring of the market's performance is only just beginning. As business and consumer groups point out daily, barriers still stand. Regulating to deregulate is a slow business, whether wheels grind small or large. But in snite of well-advertised lunacies, Brussels has hit the balance between intervention and anarchy better than some of its detractors believe. Some EC markets may be freer than others, liberalisation may be checked in places. But as the single market formally opens for business, the demolition of in irreversible tre

The market does not, however, open its doors in promising political and economic circumstances. The economic confidence of the mid-1980s which supplied the motor force for liberalisation is being sapped by recession and worry over the EC's obstinately high level of unemployed, now standing at 16 million. The temptations simply to move trade barriers from national frontiers to the EC's borders are great, destructive as this would be of European and global prosperity.

The Community's political masters should keep a wary eye on enforcement, but accept that perfect regulation is unattainable and undesirable. "It is the nature of all greatness not to be exact," said Edmund Burke, "and great trade will always be attended with considerable abuses." What is far more important is to open the EC's doors wider to trade with the rest of the world and with Eastern Europe in particular. Western Europe cannot credibly sound trumpets for a frontier-free EC while its common agricultural policy impoverishes Third World food producers and trade barriers shut out Polish coal or Czech steel. In the growth of healthy markets in these countries lie the best hopes for Europe's unemployed.

The EC has tackled its internal trade barriers with foresight and imagination, yet allows France to continue to place in jeopardy the Uruguay Round of global trade talks, on which the future of a liberal trading system - and with it. the EC's prosperity depend. The most important New Year's resolution for EC governments must be to crown the real achievement of the single market programme with an early Gatt deal.

GOING FOR A SPOON

This is the age when Everyman can play at being connoisseur

Britain's hidden hoards of treasure and fool's gold squirrelled away in the attic show no signs of drying up. The Antiques Roadshow, which has made petty connoisseurship a mass British craze, returns for its

150th programme next Sunday. Much of the modern interest in often hideous and useless objects from the past is mercenary. The ancient dream of becoming rich overnight whispers that a crock of gold may lie unrecognised beside the detritus of generations. The itinerant experts of the Roadshow attract crowds bearing things wherever they go. The things turn out to be junk, or, surprisingly often in the present

boom for byegones, strike gold. Part of the attraction may be snobbery. Suburban tea out of a Victorian silver teapot, however ugly and impractical, somehow tastes better, especially if the neighbours pour theirs out of earthenware. Part of the attraction of Roadshow is the modern lust for a moment of fame, even if this is achieved only by rubbing shoulders with tele-celebrities. All human beings have their share of

avarice, snobbery and self-importance. But behind the modern mass passion for antiques lies the more interesting impulse to hunt for roots in a changing world.

Antiques are remnants of history that have escaped the shipwrecks of time, and modern historians have come to recognise that the history and bibelots of Everyman are interesting, as well as those of princes. Because they are rarer, commoners' antiques may be more illuminating historically, though they tend to be less profitable in the auction room.

Before The Antique Roadshow's new generation of collectors, this backward-looking passion was confined to the upper-middle classes. This is the age of the common man, in antiques as in other departments of life. Prices have fallen fast during the recession.

but the petty antiques markets are still busy. The children of Arthur Negus can discover the pleasure of collecting the past because it is beautiful, or samply because they like it, and not just because it is likely to bring a windfall. Everyman can now afford to be a dilettante, even if it is only in caddy spoons.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bidding for the Channel 5 licence

Action to curb the law's delays

From Mr Alistair G. MacDuff

Sir. There has been much recent discussion concerning delay in the courts and the costs to the public purse of legal services. May I mention a provision within the new Criminal Justice Act which will add greatly to both costs and delay?

Since October 1, in the large majority of cases, crown court judges have been required to consider a pre-sentence report (a form of social enquiry report) before a defendant may be sentenced. There is no provision which enables this requirement to be waived, even if all parties are legally represented and consent. In many cases the report will be an invaluable aid to the sentencer and

will greatly assist in determining the just sentence. However, in many other cases a report will be wholly unnecessary — where, for example, imprisonment is recognised to be inevitable, or where the judge has already decided that he can be sentented. already decided that he can give a community sentence.

These pre-sentence reports cannot be written until the defendant has either expressed his intention to plead guilty or has been found guilty by a jury. In very many cases an adjournment of the case will be unavoidable.

This will necessarily occur at the end of a trial where a defendant is found guilty. It will also occur where a defendant makes his decision to plead guilty only at the door of the court. The effects of this rule are already

being felt. Among the many un-desirable consequences which all create further costs and delay are: 1. The costs to the public purse of two hearings, attended by barristers and solicitors, where one hearing would

2. A delay of some weeks before a defendant knows his fate.

3. The inevitable delay caused to other cases by the need to accommodate these adjourned cases in a later list. 4. The difficulty of fitting the adjourned cases into the list of the same judge (who may have moved on to a different court) and of arranging the adjourned hearing to accommodate counsel who represented the defendant at the trial.

In the case of part-time judges the difficulties are even more acute. Some weeks after his sitting the recorder will have to arrange to "fit in" a further one or two days (with inevitable disruption to his own practice) to pass sentence in the cases he has previously tried. He will have to be paid for his extra sitting time, and a vacant court room found.

Sir, the rule needs to be changed. Yours faithfully, ALISTAIR MacDUFF. Devereux Chambers, Devereux Court, WC2.

Commercial disputes From the Chief Executive of the Bar Council

Sir, Mr David Steel, QC sletter. December 21), draws urgent attention to the need to make arrangements to continue the work of the Commercial Court list within the City of London. Your readers may be unaware of a recent innovation introduced into hearings of this court.

Last June Mr Justice Saville authorised the evidence of a Hong Kong shipping agent to be taken by video conferencing at the Bar Council studio (report, Law Times, October 13). This obviated the need to fly the witness to London at a cost of some £10,000. Instead the cost was just over

£700. Video conferencing has the poten-tial to save thousands of pounds in international litigation and makes it possible to involve witnesses who are not free to travel. The Bar Council will be pleased to share its experience in this area with those in the City who are interested.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MOTTRAM, Chief Executive, The General Council of the Bar, 3 Bedford Row, WC1. December 21.

Life before Wings

From Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer Sir, The Beatles may not have quite such mythic status among the young as your third leader (December 17)

suggests. A university teacher I know was recently asked by a student whether it was true that Paul McCartney used to be in another group before Wings.

Yours faithfully MICHAEL GROSVENOR MYER. 34 West End. Haddenham, Cambridge. December 17.

Healthy solution

From Miss Katharine Whitehorn

Sir. Alan Ryan's excellent article (December 22) on the ills of American health care left out yet another problem Bill Clinton has to tackle: the cost to doctors of their education.

When most doctors start their careers \$100,000 in debt, they have to go for high-paying specialities to pay it back, with the result that there are many areas with no primary health

The poor use the emergency room

ber 22) suspects that the Independent Television Commission used a technicality in the Broadcasting Act to reject the application for the Channel

5 licence submitted by Channel Five Holdings. That is not the case. The Broadcasting Act 1990 makes it clear that the ITC shall not award the licence unless it appears to the commission that the applicant would be able to maintain the service throughout the period for which the

From the Chief Executive of the Independent Television Commission

Sir, Sir Hugh Dundas (letter, Decem-

licence would be in force. A provisional award is not an option open to the ITC. The ITC's invitation to apply. published in April this year, described this test as its "primary consideration" in assessing the business plan of an applicant. The commission was not satisfied that the business plan and funding proposed

by Channel Five Holdings satisfied the statutory test and concluded that the licence should not be awarded. The commission was not content with some of the costs contained in the plan or with the audience share and revenue projections which it contained. Nor was it content with the level of committed funding, an issue which had been fully discussed between the ITC and Channel Five

Holdings in September. The application by Channel Five Holdings was the only one received. It was submitted in early July; the total payments to the Treasury were known to be only £1,000 a year, and yet, by December 17, in spite of two posiponements of the commission's decision at the request of Channel Five Holdings, there was still insufficient investor commitment — as

distinct from expressions of interest. The purpose of the 12-week period between the award and grant of the licence was for financial arrangements to be finalised, but not to seek hitherto uncommitted investment for

the great majority of the funding. Sir Hugh also believes that the ITC was influenced by a desire to protect the Channel 3 licensees, particularly the two London companies. He is by Carlton and LWT if the licence was awarded did not influence the ITC's

decision. There was no hidden agenda. The commission came to a view of the Channel Five Holdings application on the basis of all the relevant evidence available to it.

Yours faithfully. DAVID GLENCROSS. Chief Executive, Independent Television Commission, 70 Brompton Road, SW3. December 29.

From Dr Stephen Castell

Sir. We share Sir Hugh Dundas's suspicion that the ITC seized upon a technicality to provide it with an excuse for rejecting Thames Tele-vision's application for the Channel 5 licence. Since February 1989 we have wanted to submit an innovative bid for the licence, proposing multi-stream programming services and viewer-funded financing and ownership, based on a digital transmission system. It took 15 months to gain the ITC's grudging written confirmation that such a digital bid was legally

In view of this reluctance, we were not confident that the ITC would give our proposal a fair hearing, and we withdrew from the bidding at the eleventh hour. Now we are astonished to find the ITC stating that "the possibility of treating the frequencies concerned as part of the resources available for the introduction of digital television at a later date will be among the matters for review".

I suppose that we should welcome this, now public, recognition by the ITC of the validity of our proposed approach; but it would have been more helpful all round to have had such clear acknowledgment before the bid deadline. Meanwhile, we shall certainly be redoubling our efforts to develop our idea for the utilisation of the Channel 5 frequencies.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN CASTELL (Director), Cable and Satellite Telecommunications Ltd. PO Box 334, Witham, Essex. December 22.

British Army has been placed due to

the Options for Change cuts which were conceived in an entirely different

international climate and which now

Even now it is possible to call a halt

to some of the proposed regimental

amalgamations. The number of in-

fantry battalions, scheduled to drop

from 55 to 38, should be at a

minimum of at least 43 and an

additional 5,000 men added to the

Army establishment over and above

this figure to flesh out units which

otherwise are and will remain under

Already the "overstretch" in the

British Army has become intolerable

with, for example, the 2nd Battalion

Light Infantry that I visited at

Tidworth barracks earlier this month

being required to deploy to Northern Ireland four times within two years.

unrealistic to imagine that Britain can

undertake a military deployment to

the Balkans of any significance and

duration without rescinding some of

the cuts being made to the Army

which go far beyond what can be justified by the present unstable international situation.

I have the honour to remain etc.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL,

In such circumstances it is wholly

strength.

require to be urgently reviewed.

The Army and Bosnia

mistaken. The threats of legal action

From Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP for Davyhulme (Conservative)

Sir, The fact that the government is now moving towards military intervention in Bosnia, rather than merely assisting with the provision of humanitarian aid, is to be welcomed. be done by air power alone, which indeed could be the worst of all options, doing nothing to protect the civilian population while placing our

own forces at risk. There is an urgent requirement for a Nato force, acting in the name of the United Nations, to be deployed to provide "safe havens" for the civilian population of Bosnia and, as a precautionary deterrent measure, to Macedonia and Kosovo.

It is unacceptable that a city such as Sarajevo be reduced to rubble by the preponderance of heavy weapons in the hands of the Serbs, with the attendant loss of civilian lives and tens of thousands more forced from their homes as refugees. It has also become urgent to ensure, so far as it is possible to do so, that this conflict does not spread wider in the Balkans.

Clearly Britain should play a leading role in such a deployment However, this would inevitably show up the critical situation in which the

From Mr Darren Lee

windscreen to crack.

December 30.

Yours faithfully,

R. L. ALLEN, 50 Lingfield Close,

High Wycombe,

December 30.

Buckinghamshire.

and inappropriate.

(Vice-president),

From Mr R. L. Allen

Sir, I find that parking my car with a

copy of The Times pressed to the glass

prevents ice from forming, making

of the nearest hospital - expensive

Free education, in return for, say,

five years' service in primary care,

might make for better doctors as well

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as better provision for patients.

KATHARINE WHITEHORN

The Patients Association.

18 Victoria Park Square, E2.

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De-icing agent

Vanishing grouse From Mr John Harrison

House of Commons.

December 30.

Sir, Mr Trevor Sharot (letter, Decem-Sir, The main cause of the decline of black grouse in Wales (report, earlier ber 30) recommends motorists to pour a kettle of warm water over editions, December 17) is the extenfrozen windscreens to melt the ice. sive destruction of heather moorland The water must not be too hot, in the 1980s. Large areas of heather-covered hillsides and hilltops at between 450 however, as this will cause the

I use this method and agree that it and 700 metres above sea level have is indeed the quickest and most been ploughed up and planted with thorough, if one is careful. grasses for sheep-grazing. This removal of breeding and feeding habitat has even occurred in the Snowdonia National Park, generally immediately above the coniferous DARREN LEE. Amber Lights, Purleigh Close, Basildon, Essex. forestry plantations of the 1960s and

> The lack of heather cover also results in foxes and large birds of prey taking a greater number of young grouse and exacerbating the problem. The set-aside scheme is inadequate for the reinstatement of such moor-

land and additional funding will be required if the black grouse is to regain its position. Yours faithfully

JOHN HARRISON. 31 Aylesbury Road, Bedford. December 19.

Beacons for Europe

From Dr Adrian R. Rogers

Sir, I note that beacons are to herald the arrival of the single European market (report, December 30). This is most appropriate as historically their prime function has been to warn of invasion.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN ROGERS, Crammere House. Trews Weir Reach, Exeter, Devon. December 30.

Honours, duty and civil service

From Lord Hanson

Sir. Recent press comment has ques-tioned the suitability or otherwise of "automatic" honours for members of our civil service (report. December 22). Since they would never speak up

for themselves, pray Sir, let me. I am reminded of the actor who. having worked his way up through the ranks of the theatre, some 20 years' hard labour on the boards, was finally acclaimed "an overnight sensation", "a discovery". Automatically? No, he earned it, the hard way.

I am sure my point is not lost; but to emphasise it, our civil servants are among the hardest-working people in and outside this country. They repre-

sent the finest service in the world and their honesty is a by-word. With ability and assiduity, selected entirely on merit, a few reach the higher echelons and, like any other successful members of the public, are rewarded in the honours lists. Not automatically: they have earned their honour. Their reward is comparable in every way to that of anyone else. The civil service also helps to guide honours for others through the "system". If the present system is changed, this country will be poorer.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, HANSON. House of Lords.

From Mr Walter Cairns

Sir, Anthony Howard (December 22) asks: "Is Whitehall turning Tory?" He contrasts this alleged trend with the principle of impartiality which the civil service is supposed to uphold. However, should we not question the

validity of that principle? In almost every other country in the democratic world, it is accepted as normal that the civil service should be of the same political inclination as the government of the day. This is not considered to be improper, since a government relies largely upon its civil service to implement its policies, and to do so wholeheartedly and

unreservedly.

It is surely undernocratic in the extreme that a "neutral", unelected administrative apparatus should be able to frustrate government policy by withholding co-operation. The sooner the civil service reflects the par-

liamentary majority the better. Yours sincerely, W. CAIRNS. Broomhurst Hall, 836 Wilmslow Road, Manchester 20.

A tale of two states

Sir, Your leading article on the division of Czechoslovakia (December 24) was wrong to state that in 1939 the country was dismembered by

When Hitler occupied Bohemia and Moravia in March 1939, Slovalia unilaterally declared independence and later, as the Slovak Republic, entered the second world war on Germany's side. At the end of the war the Slovak Republic disappeared from the international scene without any formal declaration and Slovakia re-established its position as an integral part of Czechoslovakia. The Slovak Republic thus succeeded in participating in the war on the losing side without ever having

to concede defeat. Today some Slovak politicians see the independent Slovak Republic as the successor to the Slovak Republic of the 1940s. Presumably, this means that the new Slovak Republic might find itself still at war with the UK. France and the United States.

Yours faithfully, RUDOLF HANKA, Wolfson College, Cambridge. December 28.

From Mr John Eckersley

Sir. When Czechoslovakia was formed after the first world war, most countries adopted a spelling for the new state which conformed to their own spelling conventions (Tchéco-, Tschecho- etc). For some inexplicable reason, the English-speaking countries adopted the Polish spelling with its absurd Cz-. If we are now to have a new state

with a new name, is not this a unique

opportunity to rectify the anomaly

and agree to spell it as we are going to say it — "Chec Republic" or "Checlands"?

Yours faithfully, JOHN ECKERSLEY, 32 Cumnor Hill, Cumnor, Oxford. December 30.

End in sight

From Mr Martin Warrillow

Sir, After just over a month of reading, "The Queen may have had an annus horribilis, but what about the unemployed/the miners/Norman Lamont/the Bosnians/the Soma-lis/the EC/John Major/David Mel-lor/the England football team?", I am getting just a little tired of it.

Now that we are reaching the end of 1992, can we please get rid of it?

Yours faithfully, MARTIN WARRILLOW. 31 Alexandra Mews, Tamworth, Staffordshire, December 22.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Mr Douglas Anthony, CH, former Australian Deputy Prime Min-ister, 63: Mr Glanvill Benn, pubisher, 87: Sir George Bhunden. former deputy governor, Bank of England, 70: Mr Michael Bonallack, golfer, 58: Sir George Christie, chairman, Glyndebourne Productions, 58; Mr Stephe Cleobury, organist, 44: Air Mar-shal Sir Patrick Dunn, 80; Major-General J.D. Frost, 80; Mr Roy Greenslade, former editor, Daily Mirror, 46: Mr Jack Hargreaves, broadcaster, 81: Sir Anthony Hop-kins, actor, 55: Sir James Howie. bacteriologist, 85; Mr Ben Kings-ley, actor, 49; Mr Sandy Marshall, former chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 68; Mr Peter May, former chairman, selection committee, TCCB, 63; Dr Valerie Pearl, president, New Hall, Cambridge, 66; Mr Jean-Pierre Rives, rugby player, 40; Sir Joshua Rowley, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, 72; Sir John Sainty, former Clerk of the Parliaments, 58; Sir David Walker, former chairman, Securities and Investments Board,

Election

Mr Ted Rowlands, MP, has been elected Chairman of the History of Parliament Trust, succeeding Sir Robert Rhodes James, with effect

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacques Cartier, navi-gator, St Malo. Britany, 1491; Hermann Boerhaave, physician, Voorhout, near Leiden, 1668; Charles Edward Stuart, (Bonnie Prince Charlie). Rome, 1720; Charles Cornwallis, 1st Marquess Cornwallis, soldier and statesman, London, 1738; Giovanni Pascoli, poet, San Mauro di Romagna, 1855; Henri Matisse, painter, Le Cateau, France, 1869; George C. Marshall, general, statesman, for-mulated Marshall Aid, Nobel Peace laureate 1953, Uniont Pennsylvania, 1880.

DEATHS: Giovanni Borelli, mathematician and astronomer, Rome, 1679; Sir Dudley North, financier, London, 1691; John Flamsteed, 1st Astronomer Royal 1675-1719, London, 1719; Gustave Courbet, painter, La Tour-de Peilz, Switzerland, 1877; Sir Frank Benson, actor-manager, London, 1939; Sir Malcolm Campbell, land and water speed record breaker, Reigate, Strrey, 1048

1948. The window tax was imposed 1695. Ellis Island, New York, was opened as an immigration depot. 1890. The chimes of Big Ben were broadcast by the BBC for the first

time, 1935.
The farthing ceased to be legal tender in Britain at midnight, 1960.

Officer (Winchester): to be also an Honorary Canon of Winchester

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(Winchester).
The Rev Stephen Grey, Curate,
Worsley: to be Vicar. St Michael.
Barnford (Manchester).
The Rev Canon David Haslam, Vicar,

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The Rev Alan Hayday, Rector, Old
Brumby St Hugh, Scunthorpe: to be
also Rural Dean of Manlake (Lincoln).

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The Rev Ronald Howell, Vicar, Millhouses Holy Trinity (Sheffield): to be Vicar, Thornhill St Michael and all Angels (Walsefield).
The Rev John Hunz, Rector, Blunderston, w Fibron and Lound: to be Priest-In-charge, Kessingland and Gisleham (Norwich).
The Rev Gareth Jones Rector, St.

The Rev Gareth Jones, Rector, St Ruthert, Longdon: Christ Church, Annstroft and St Edith, Pulverbatch: to be Team Vicar, Leominster Team Ministry (Hereford).

Ministry (Heretord).

The Rev Malcolm Jones, Chaplain (Regular Army). St Andrew's Church. Minley: to be Team Vicar. Cleethorpes Team Ministry (Lincoln).

The Rev Peter Renney, Team Rector. Christ the King. Newcastle: to be priest-in-charge. Newcastle, St John the Bapoist (Newcastle).

The Rev Canon Roger Knight. Rural Dean of Higham, and Vicer, Inhilingborough: to be Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Education

(Pererborough).
The Rev Karen Martin, Archbishop's

permission to officiate, diocese York: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), York, St

Church news

Next Archdeacon of Derby The Rev Canon lan Garford, sub-Provost of Derby Cathedral: to be Archdeacon of Derby, succeeding the Ven Robert Dell who has

The Rev Paul Adamson, Vicar, Prudhoe: to be Team Vicar, Palstone w Greystead and Thorneyburn in the North Tyne and Redesdale Team Ministry (Newcastle). Ministry (Newcastle).
The Rev Nicholas Aikins, Curare.
Combe Down w Monkson Combe and
S Stoke (Bath and Wells): to be Team
Vicar, North Wingdeid Parish Team
Ministry, w particular responsibility
for St John's, Tupton (Derby).
The Rev Motthew Baynham, Vicar,
Maribrook Team Ministry (Bath and
Wells): to be Vicar, Reddall Hill
Worcester).

Wells): 10 be Vicar, Reddall Hill (Worcester).
The Rev Alan Bell, Rector, Fakenham: 10 be also Rural Dean of Burnham and Walsingham (Norwich).
The Rev David Bowen, Curate, Kingstone, Ciehonger, Ealon Bishop, Allensmore and Thruston: 10 be Priest-in-charge, SI Peter, Lugwardine; SI James, Bartestree: SI John Bapdst, Weston Beggard (Hereford). The Rev Roy Burgess, Rector, Ingoldsby: 10 be also Rural Dean of Beliston (Lincoin).
The Rev Mary Carney, Curate, SI John Evangelist. Carnerton: 10 be Parish Deacon, Harwell and Chilton (Oxford). The Rev Mary Clarke, Curate, SI James, Northampton (Preterborough): 10 be Deacon-In-charge, SI Catherine's, Stoke Aldermor In the Caludon Team Ministry (Coveniry).
The Rev Nell Crawford-Jones, Vicar and Rural Dean of Romsey: in be also an Honorary Cannon of Winchester Cathedral (Winchester).
The Rev Graham Fuller, Recor,

The Rev Graham Fuller, Rector, Eversley and Diocesan Ecumenical

Appointments to Chairs Peter Meudell. Senior Lecturer in Psychology, to be Professor of Neuropsychology in the Depart-ment of Psychology, from January

University news

Queen's Mr G. Marshall has been elected

to the Provostship, to succeed Dr J. Moffatt

erny Lawrance, Senior Lecturer in Spanish, to be Professor of Spanish in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies,

Other Appointments Senior Lecturer in Nursing: Jean Senior Lecturer in Orthopaedic Surgery: J G Andrew . Lecturer in General Practice: D K

Cragg Recent grants include:

from January 1.

Cancer Research Campaign, The molecular basis of cell cohesion in cancer kessata Campaign. The molecular basis of cell cohesion in normal and neoplastic cells, Professor D R Garrod, 164,038.
North Western Regional Health Authority. Magnetic resonance linaging Regional Drug Research Professor I Sherwood. 1290,000. Dr M C Dontmall, 195,229.
SERC, Nuclear structure and dynamics at high spin and isospin, Professor W Phillips and Dr R Chapman, 12,703,343; Transforming architectural models into high performance concurrent implementations, Professor S B Furber. E143,960; Enhanced magneto-optic soanting laser microscopy techniques for micromagnetic imaging and characterisation. Dr W W Cleeg and Dr C D Wright, E125,846; Total synthesis of biologically active heterocyclic natural products. Professor E J Thomas, E112,246: The breakdown of liquid/solid insulation, Dr W G Chadbland and Professor D W Aukland. E100,242.

Peter Scott, the former editor of the Times Higher Education Supple-ment was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of his services to education at a degree ceremony on December 22.

Latest wills

Phyllis Georgina Bourne, of Durdham Park, Bristol, left estate valued at £343,897 net. She left £1,600 and effects to personal legatees and the residue equally between Bristol Age Care. St Peter's Hospice. Knowle, Bristol, British Red Cross, Spastics Society, NSPCC, RSPCA and the Friends of Bristol Horses Society.

Mr Anthony Gerald Bailey, of Heytesbury, Wilts, left estate val-ued at £214.074 net. He left personal legacies totalling £7,000, his horse brasses and harnesses to the Dewey Museum, Warminster, and the residue equally between the League of Friends of Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, the Home of Rest for Horses, Aylesbury, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and British Heart Foundation.

The collection, being sold by



Banned golf clubs strike gold

putter from the Sixties enabled

the hole through a glass prism fitted in the club head (£300-

a player to see a straight line to

The rules, however, state

that club heads "shall be

generally plain in shape." Bob

Gowland, the firm's golfing

expert, who will be taking the

auction on January 22, says

By JOHN SHAW

A COLLECTION of "illegal" golf clubs designed to help players hit the ball further and straighter is to be auctioned in Chester next month.

Most of the putters and woods were designed by inge-nious club makers at the turn of the century but are now illegal because they contravene the British and American golf rules.

Phillips, includes Hamilton's

that while the items are illegal block head putter which looks like a croquet mallet and was they can be used for practice, intended for putting croquet-style. It is estimated to make and they're a lot of fun". The sale coincides with the up to £1,200. Runyan's prism British Golf Collector's annual

meeting in Chester. The 541lot sale is expected to make about £200,000. The most valuable lot is a late 18th century thick-bladed lofting iron, used to "lift" the ball from a flat pathway, which is expected to make up to be-tween £8,000-£12,000. For many years it stood forgotten in a hall stand.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.C. Carreras

Mr D.C. Carreras
and Miss J.M. Sheehan
The engagement is announced
between David Charles, younger
son of Dr and Mrs Joseph
Carreras, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Joanna Mary,
younger daughter of Captain and
Mrs Patrick Sheehan, of East
Hendrad Oxfordshire Mr R.C. Chetwode and Miss S.M. Boylan

and Miss S.M. Boyam.
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the Hon Christopher and Mrs Chetwode, of Cheriton, Hampshire, and Sheelagh, daughter of Mr and Mrs Desmond Boylan, formerly of Co Louth, Freland now of Marion, Massechusetts, USA Massachusetts, USA. Mr J.E.J. Crookes

and Miss S.H. Cleebury The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mrs S. Crookes, of Bradford, and Mr G. Crookes, of Bolton, and Suzannah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Cleobury, of Mr A.N. Francis

and Miss R.M. Lewis The engagement is announced between Adrian Nicholas, eldest son of Major and Mrs R.J. Francis, of Farnham, Surrey, and Rachel daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Lewis, of Hubbards Hall.

Mr J. Herzog and Miss M.A.K. Gessler The engagement is announced between Jurgen, second son of Mr and Mrs Walter Herzog, of Lörrach, Germany, and Monique, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Gessler, of Highgate, London.

Mr H.P.M. Jeanson and Miss V.A. Rutherford The engagement is announced between Hervé, eldest son of M and Mme Philippe Jeanson, of L'Abbaye de Lessay, Manche, France, and Virginia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David J.B. Rutherford, of London, W14.

Mr D. Keller and Miss C.FL Newth The engagement is announced between Daniel, eldest son of M and Mme Max Keller, of Lutry, Lausanne, and Clare, daughter of Mr J.F. Newth, of Chislehurst, and

Mrs L.M. Gregory, of Cobham. Mr A.N. Lezson

and Miss H.C. Watts-Tobin The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr Stanley Leason and Mrs Olive Tudor, of Stoke-on-Trent, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs Richard Watts-Tobin, of

Mr A.J.G. McLend and Miss J.M. Spooner The engagement is announced between Alistair, elder son of Mr and Mrs Derrick J. McLeod, of Harlington, Bedfordshire, and Jayne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Spooner, Harrogate, North Yorkshire

Dr A.S. Clark and Miss J. Collin The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Sir Terence and Lady Clark, of Muscat, Oman, and Julie, Muscat, Oman, and Julie, daughter of Mr Raymond Collins. of Houston, Texas, and Mis Katheryne Montgomery, of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr J.F. Manuszak and Miss S.E. James The engagement is armounced between Joseph, son of Mr Raymond A. Manuszak and the late Mrs Frances Manuszak, of Nashville, Tennessee, and Sarah. daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Clive James, of Gerrards Cross,

Buckinghamshire. Mr P. Markamtonis nd Miss L. Contanceau

The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of the late Mr Constantine G. Markantonis and of Mrs Maria C. Markantonis, of Harare, Zimbalwe, and Laurence, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jean Couranceau, of Poitiers, France. Dr J.J. Morcos

and Miss F.E. Trafford
The engagement is announced between Jacques, son of Mme Lodi Morcos, of Beirut, Lebanon, and Fiona, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel J.M.H. Trafford, of Faro. Portugal, and Mrs Elizabeth Lyon-Brown. of Great Houghton. Mr E.C.D. Sixsmith

and Miss V.B. Sykes The engagement is announced between Edmund, younger son of the late Major General and Mrs Eric Sixsmith, of Somerset, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Mrs Margaret Sykes and the late Mr Sykes, of Almondbury, Yorkshire.

Mr CJ. Ste and Miss V.A. Harrison The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and

Mrs M. Stewart, of West Kilbride. Ayrshire, and Virginia, daughter of Mr Peter Harrison, of Weston, Avon, and Mrs Barbara Hoare, of Norwood, London.

Retirements

The following judges retire today: Judge Rutter and Judge Powell from the circuit bench on the Wales and Chester circuit, Judge Monier-Williams and Judge Shindler, QC, from the circuit bench on the South Eastern circuit and Judge Wild retires from the circuit bench on the Midland and Oxford circuit.

Appointment

Mr David Kennedy to be Director-General of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

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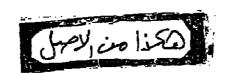
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DEATHS DEATHS DEATHS LEGAL NOTICES LAW On December 22nd 1992 suddenly after a short iliness Victor Frank dearly beloved husband of Hillda loving falher of Tony and Maureen, devoted and adored grandfalher of Alexandra. Nicola and the late Sarah. Funeral service and interment 2pm All Saints Church, Wartingham. Surrey on Wednesday the 6th January. Enquiries to the funeral directors B.C.Baker & Son. 15 to 17 High Street. Caterham. Tel 0883 343219 LEWIN On the 28th December 1992 peacefully in Hollybank House Nursing Housemaster Blundells and headmaster Monmouth. Funeral service and cremation at Tamton Deane Creamforium on 5th January at 1 pm. Enquirles to Lenord E Smith Funeral Directors 0823 2772122 but no flowers please. Memorial service in Blundells Chapet at a date to be announced later FISHER - On December 24th 1992, peacefully after a long times, Margery Lillian Edith. widow of James Fisher. much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral 1.45pm Monday 4th January at St Michael's Church. Ashton, Northampton. Family flowers only but donations. If desired, may be sent to Book Trust through John White, Funeral Director. 188/190 Walling Street East, Towcester, Northants, NN12 7DB. ILIFFE On 27th December 1992 at Scatiord Court Nursing Home, Melton Mowbray. Audrey, aged 89 years. Formerty of Richmond, Yorkshire and Budleigh Salterion. Devon. Funeral service and cremation at Loughboffought Crematorium on Tuesday 5th January at 3pm. Donations to the Jane Austen Memorial Trust and enguirles to Stevens Goodburn Funeral Service. 33 Scatford Road. Melton Mowbray Tel 0864 63037 RUSH - On Dece DEWHURST - Pencefully at Dungarthill, on December 27th 1992, Hugh Littleton, the loved husband of the late trene Manyareta Dewar and father of Jeremy. Susan and Flona. Much loved grandfather: A present grandfather and great grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral Service. In St. John's Kirk of Perth. on January 6th 1993 at 1.30pm. Burlai private at 1.30pm. Burlai private at 1.30pm. Burlai private at 1.40pm. Burlai private at 1.50pm. Burlai Private Indiana Priva Ginesis Computers PLC THE RESOLVENCY ACT 1995 NOTICE. IS HEREBY CRVEN PURSUANT to Section 98 of the Insofther Creditors of the abovenamed Company will be held at Woughton: House Hotel Woughton on the Green, Milhou Keyner on 6 January 1992 at 10.30 for the purpose manifoned peacehally in Tenerife, Briga-dier Lesile Herbert, aged 80, laie of the Rajout's and RASC: former bursar of Hale-School. Western Australia and Surrey University, Beloved husband of Leonora-and dear father to Jutitha, Jeremy and Jonathan. Sorety missed by all his fam-ily and friends in England, Australia. Tenerife and Thal-land. Enquiries: 0753 THOMPSON - On December 29th in Chiltern Hospital. Jenny aged 80. Beloved by her sons John and Robin, and her six grandchildren. She has gone to join Kennett. Private family funeral, followed by Thanksgiving Service in London early in the New Year. suddenly Leslie Robert Corbet, Professor of Medical History, after an outstanding career. He will be sadily missed by his sister Alleen and by his many friends. Arrangements by I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral GLEERT JEFFS & CO LIMITED GLEERT JEFFS (NOMINEES) LIMITED GLEERT JEFFS (FINANCIAL) CORRENT JEFFS ONOMINEES LIBRITED GEBERT JEFFS (FINANCIAL SERVICES) LIBRITED NOTICE IS HERREY (GVEN, pursuant to Sattion 98 of the hasolveney Act 1986, that meethage of the creditars of the abovemented companies will be held at 2.00pm, 2.15pm and 2.30pm respectively on Prickey 15 Japanmay 1993 at 2nd Floor, 16 St Heler's Piace, London ECSA GUR for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. NOTICE 28 ALSO HERRESY GIVEN that for the purposes of voltage, secured creditions are researed, indees they surrender their security, to lodge at 2nd Floor, 16 CSA, Helsen's Place, treatment of their security, to on which it was given and the value at which it is assessed. 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Tel: 0722 413136. VOS - On December 26th 1992. Doris Diana, aged 88. widow of Harry Vos, beloved mother of Anh and Jill. Funeral service at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Worth, West Sussex on Tuesday January 5th 1993 at 2.15 pm. Floral tributes may be sent to Masters & Son, 4 Denunans Lane, Lindfield, Sussex, RH16 218. Spencer Somerset. 6Ib 8% gunces. ALDERSLEY - On Docember 25rd, to Rachel (nee Huish) and John, a daughter Juliet Daisy. 885031 SAWBRIDGE - On December ALLEN - On 25th December 1992, suddenly but peacefully in the West Soffolk Hospital. Geoffrey (Geoff) aged 74 years. Funeral at Geoffing Church Nr Bury St Edmunds on Monday 4th January at 10am. Any Bowers may be sent c/o F. Cuttler hair & Son. 23 Mustow Street. Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk injured Jockeys Fund. Dickens STRATTON - On December 28th in hospital. Monica, mother of Pamela and Prudence and grandmother of Stephen and James. Much loved by all who knew her. A service of thanksqiving will take place on January the 29th at 30m at Saint Mary Abbot's Church. Kensington. Donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 2 to 3 Chancery House. Tolworth Close. Tolworth. Surrey. KTG 7EW DRUMMOND - On December 24th 1992 in London, Scott. beloved only son of Kathleen and Norman. Funeral service All Saints Church. Fulham at 35m. Thursday January 7th. All triends welcome. Enquiries please to J H Kenyon Ltd. Tel: 071 937 0757. DUSSEAU - On December 24th 1992, peacefully at Charles M.B. B.S., in his 59th year. Much loved by family and triends. Service at Hoty Family Church. Actom W3 on Friday January 8th at 1.15pm followed by Internent at Richmond Cemetary. Flowers to Sanders. Tel 081 948 1551 or donations to imperial Cancer Research Fund EDGE - On December 29th. John fliske, aged 87, peacefully at his home in Mallndt. Kenya. Funeral took place at Mallndt on Wednesday 30th December. EDMUND-DAVIES - On December 27th. 1992. at 1HT hot later than 12 noon on 5 January 1975. For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required tunious he surrenders his security to lodge at 1 Teiford Way, Luton Bedfordskine, LU1 1HT before the meeting, a situatement giving particulars of his security. Its date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Notice is further given that a its of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may b inspected, free of charge, at 1 Teiford Way, Luton. Bedford skine. LU1 1HT between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the two business days proceeding the date of the meeting shaled above. By Order of the Board. A Scenory, Director. 29th peacefully in a nursing home. Christopher John aged 86 years, formerly Chief Accountant of South Eastern Gas Board for many years and respected member of golfing circles in Seaford and Eastbourne. Fumeral Service to be held at St. Leonards Church, Seaford on Tuesday 5th January at 12 noon No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Seaford Red Cross, Mercread Road. Scoones - On December 27th Kenneth Geoffry, Croix de Guerre, aged 71 of Cratifield. Suffolk, Much loved husband of Anne. Sandrew and James and grandfather of Philippa, Calire. Andrew and James and grandfather of Georgia. Alice. Harriet, Freddie and Grandfather of Georgia. Alice. Harriet, Freddie and Emily, Funeral on Monday, January 4th at 2,30, St. Marry's Church, Cratifield. No flowers, donations if wished to Cratifield and TAYLOR (nee Hackett) Mrs. A.S. On the morning of 25th December in Charing Cross Hospital, London. Susan Veronics, beloved daughter of General Str. John and Lady Hackett, peacefully, with her father and mother and sister Elizabeth Hackett, beside her, from internal inturies and pneumonia, arising out of a molorway mishap in abominable winter conditions. A cremation service for fantly and a few very close friends will be held shortly. TEW On December 28th peacefully at a nursing home, John Edward, aged 87 years, late of Moortands and The Bombay Company Beloved husband of Barbara, and much loved father of Elizabeth. Catherine and Amella, Funeral service at Salint Andrew's Church, South Warnborough on Thursday January 7fth 1993 at 2,30 pm. Followed by Committal at the Aldershot Cremaiorium for close family at 3,30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Parkinsons Disease Society, C/O H.C.Patrick and CO. 86 East Street, Familiam Surrey. Mowbray Tel 0664 63037 JOHNSON On December 29th 1992 peacefully in Weybridge. Constance Marion aged 31, los Ing wife of the late Leonard Eaton. darling mother of Diana and Patricia. grandmother of Samantha Jane. Alastair, Paul and Douglas Fumeral service at Leatherhead Crematorium on January the file at 4pm. Donations for the Marie Curie Memoriat Foundation may be sent to Sheriock & Sons. Trellis House, Dorking FITZGERALD On December 7th, Martin FizZGerald of Westow. Yark. beloved husband of Rosemary and father of Itone. Geraldine and Flona. His lask completed. Herry, a bassing, Leans Shelton. CANTY-SHEPHERID - On October 30th to Margaret and Terrence a daughter Care Felicity Catherine Maeve a sister for Camilla and Poily. CASWELL - On Thursday 24th December, at Princess Margaret's Hospital. Swindon, to Julie (née Higham) and Roy, twin daughters Emily and Charlotte, two sisters for Thomas. WHITAKER - On December 19th at Nynehead Court. Wellington. Someract. Maryaret Ruth, aged 107, daughter of the late Rev. C.p. and Mrs Whitaker of Broad Clyst. Exeter. FormertyPrincipal of Goucester Training College for Domestic Science. Funeral at All Salins' Church. Nynehead on Tuesday Jamusry 5th at 2,30pm followed by grivate cremation. Family Bowers. Donations to Nynehead Church. GILCHRUST - Peacefully on Christmas Day 1992, Ann Susette, daughter of the late Lt. Colonel and Mrs W.F.C. Cilchrist of Sid Abbey. Sidmouth. Dear sister of Enid and David and beloved by her nieces and nephews. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at Salpombe Regis Church on Thursday January 7th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, it wished, to The Stroke Association C/o Potsury's Funeral Service, High Street. Sidmouth. BIRD - On 27th December after a prolonged lines peacefully in a mursing home. Constance Birdwood wife of the late Charles Bird and dear sister of Olwen. Funeral service at the West Norwood Crematorhum on Tuesday Sth January at 11am. No flowers but if desired donations to the Friends of Kings College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS no flowers please. Memorial service in Blundells Chapel at a date to be announced later service in Blumdells Chapel at a date to be announced later MASSEY - On December 28 1992 peacefully at home. David of London, Sw19, aged 55 years, beloved inusband. Funeral Monday January 4, 2-30 pm at Lambeth Crematorium. Tooting, Sw17. No flowers please. Donations if desired to a cancer charity of your own choice. McKEMPRY - On the 27th December, peacefully at her home. Margaret much loved of the McKendry. Gallagher families. Requiem Mass at Westminister Cathederal on Monday 4th January at 10.30 am foliowed by burial at Milespit Hill Cemetary. Mill Hill Enquiries Kenyon's 071 834 4624 OWENS - On 26th December. peacefully at home with his family, following a courageous stand against cancer. Charles Frank, beloved husband of Diane, much loved father of Timothy. Tara and Candida. Will be greatly missed Funeral service at Pulney Vale Crematorium on Friday 8th January at 11am. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research, W S Cole & Son, 116 Monkton St. Monkton, Kent CT12 4JQ PRATT On December 28th. Deacefully at home. Napory GEOFTREY RED ASSOCIATE: THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PRINTING IN THE 1986 On 11 December 1982 I Lee Andron Mamming of Buchler Phillips & Co. 84 Crowency Street London W1X 9DF wits appointed Liquidartor of the show-named company to the members and creditors. NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY CIVEN Bull the creditors of the show-named Company. JOYCE On December 29th suddenly at his home in Outton. Norfolk. Roland John. Funeral Service at Saint Botolph's Church. Westwick. Norfolk on Wednesday January 6th a 2pm Fromas. EBRAHIM - On December 29th 1992 to Juliet (née Temple-Richards) and Ahmed. a son, Ali. a brother for Omar. for Omar. EDWARDS - On December 25th. to Sharon (née Darweil) and Richard, a daughter. Jennifer Ann. KAVANAGH Anthom Desmond it is with deepest sorrow that the Kavanagh and McKie familie announce the death of Anthony aged 35, suddenb in Nicosia, Cyprus on December 25th, Beloved husband of Joanna, much loved son of Brian and Grayce. Drother te Christopher and Simon. A Requiem Mass was held in Kano. Nigeria on the 28th December. A funeral service will be neld at \$1 Joan of Arc Church. Farnham, Surrey at midday on 6th January 1993 Floral tributes may be sent to the church. Contact Thorn Leggett. Bordon, Hants BROOKE - On December 25th at St.Richard's Hospital. Chichester, peacefully after a short lliness. Major Basil Arthur Brooke M.C., formerly of the Gordon Highlanders. Beloved father of Patty, Sheelah and Di (Bomble). Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium, on Wednesday January 6th at 12 noon. Flowers to Funeral Directors. Edward White & Son. 5 South Pallant, Chichester. by the members and creditors. NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY CRVEN that the creditors of the above-amended Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, an required, on or before the 25cn Pebruary 1993, to send in their addresses and description, full patterns of their debts or classical and their feels or addresses of their feels an addresses of their feels or addresses of their feels any, to be understoored Lee Antony Manning, of Bachler Philips & Co., & & Grovenor Erred, London WIX 9DF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice to writing from the said Liquideor, are, per sonsity or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or their debts or their debts or their debts or come in and their debts or come in GLASER - On 28th December 1992 peacefully at the Belford Hospital. Fort Wil-liam. Enc Michael Glaser M.C. of Ballachulish. Argyil. The funeral takes place loday 31st December. IN MEMORIAM -Frederick. HERVEY- On Friday 18 December to Susan usée Peacham) and Tim. a daughter. Rebecz Maria. KOOPS - On December 24th 1992. at Eastbourne Hospital. to Flona (née Cronk) and Jan. a son (Edward Leendert). LIGHTFOOT - To Ltz at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea WAR INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 DIAMENTO GROUP EXAMENT GROUP INSOLVENCE PLANS THAT MORE THAT THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY H.M.S. ACHATES - in proud and honoured memory of our friends and shipmates who lost their lives in action in the Barents Sea on 31 Dec. 1942. After years ago today. The surviving survivors. GOODSON Jean on 24th December 1992 in hospital, aged 76. Loving wife of Harold Norman Goodson Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday 7th January 1993 at 2.3c pm. Flowers may be sent to L.F. Liniott & Son. Funeral Directors. North Sireet Midhurst. West Sussex SROWNLESS - On December 25th 1992, peacefully at his daughter's frome in Lincolnshire Roland Stanley, 39ed 71 years. Much loved father of Frances, Jane and Philippe and grandfather of William, Tommy, Eleanor, Jamle, Sophie and Alexander. Cremation on 8th January in Lincolnshire. Funeral service and committed of aches at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, Berks on Tuesday 12th January at 11am. Donations if desired to Sur Ryder, Nettiebed. Henley-on-Thames. Oxon. BROWNLESS - On December EDMUND-DAVIES On December 27th, 1992, at Bricklehampton Hall Nursing IN MEMORIAM -James Stanton MURRAY THREIPLAND -Brickiehanngton Hall Nursing Home, Pershore, Wortestershire, Lord Edmund-Davies Aberpennar, Late of Gray's Inn ded peacefully after a long tilness aged 86 years. Dearly loved husband of the late Eurwen, and beloved father of Ana, Lisa and Shan and their families. Cremation private, Memorial service at Landarf Calibedral on Friday 29th January at 12 noon. Enquiries to Edwin Hill Funeral Directors. Tel 0386 552141 PRIVATE Robertson) and Tim. a son. Caium Peter. PHILLPOTTS - On 29th December. at Saint Thomas's Hospital, to Emma (née Windham) and Simon. a son ROBINSON - On December 23rd. to James and Nicky, a daughter. Eleanor Crace. STEEL - On December 7th to Sophia and Timothy, a daughter, Emily Susannah Letitia. THOMPSON - On December Thompson 1 KLINGOPULOS - On 23rd December 1992, suddenly but peacefully at home. Margaret Vera Klingopulos, dearly loved wife of the late Alexander Klingopulos and mother of Stephen and Peter afficial or to be represented at the steeling. Creditors who intend to vote at the meating should note the following. Creditors who intend to the following the steeling steeling of claims the located with the John Authoristrative Resident by 12 noons on the day beginning to 12 noons on the 12 noons of 12 noons on the 12 noons of 12 noo GCRDON - John aged 68 of Clifton Hawkes Bay. New Zealand laie 9th Queens Royal Lancers, on December 28th peacefully in hospital after a long illness Beiox ed htsband of Barbara, father of 6. grandfather of 13 WOOLF - C.M. In loving memory of my father, for many years a highly respected leader of the British Film Industry, who died on New Years Eve, lift, years ago. Monkton, Keni CT12 4JQ PRATT On December 28th. peacefully at home, Nancy devoted and deeply loved mother of Jean and Daphne Butler and grandmother of Hugh Steaverson and Angela Smith Family flowers only but donations if desired to Dorothy House Foundation, 164 Bloomfield Road, Bath, Funeral service at the church of St Mary The Virgin, Charicombe, Bath, on Tuesday January 5th 1993 at 2pm RROCTOR - Suttlenty on KOCHEL On December 27th 1992 peacefully ir Ashlington. Sussex. Eunice Kochel 'nee Wilson. Much loved by her family and friends. Funeral service a Worthing Cremaiorium or Tuesday January 5th 1993 at 12 40 pm Flowers or donalions if wished to The British Heart Foundation c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd. 130 Sreadwater Road. Worthing 0903 234516 GRIFFIN - On December 27th peacefully in hospital. 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James and Lucy Beloved youngest son of Dick and Ruth Epps, dearest brother of Anthony and Jim and dearest brother in law of Libby Joyce. Wendy and Jim. Funeral private. A service of Thanksgiving will be held in London at a later date. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to Macmillan Team Trust Fund. c/o Cynthia Scart. St Glier's Hospital. London. HIBBERT - On December 23rd 1992, peacefully at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, Edward Victor aged 72 years, Dearty loved husband of Vera and much loved (ather of Jeremy and Guy.) Private cremation Followed by service of Thanksgiving at 8t Leonard's Church, Eynsham on Tuesday, January 5th 1993 at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donationations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A or The Friends of St Leonard's, C/o Green & Co, High Street, Eynsham, Whitney, Ovon DEATHS GCLDEN SQUARE. 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REES On December 28th 1992, peacefully after a short illness at Bath Royal United Hospital. Dilys Charmian Mary beloved sister of John and aunt of David and Catherine. Former headintstress of The Royal School. Bath. All enquiries regarding the funeral arrangements to H Merrett Funeral Directors. Corsham. Tel 0249 713134. LANE - On 28th December, peacefully at Summerfields Rest Home. Caversham. Angela Elizabeth, widow of E A Lane. Funeral service at All Salots Church. Peppard at time and on date to be notified Grateful thanks to the matron and staff for their loving care. 1.036, held on 24 December 1992; vons adjourned and has been reconvered to be held at The Hillier National Hotel. Empire Way, Wembles, Middlesse, HAS at 11.00 and on Thurnday 7 Remoter) 1993. For the purposes of considering the administratory propers als under sections 23 and 5 CO of Landet: 24 December 1992. 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OBITUARIES

ANTHONY HUXLEY

Anthony Huxley, horticulturist, botanist and author, died in Surbiton, southwest London, on December 26, aged 72. He was born on December 2, 1920.

A MEMBER of a family that has produced distinguished scientists for four generations, Anthony Huxley ranked alongside his father, Sir Julian Huxley, FRS, and shared his gift for elegant expression of his mastery of a biological field. Botanist, plantsman, explorer and author. Huxley mapped every significant phase of horticulture and plant science in a career that spanned 40 years and 35 major publications.

Huxley's love of living things was shaped during a childhood spent largely at London zoo where his father was secretary. At this time he built up a collection of cacti, which he regarded

as "the beginning of it all".

At Trinity College, Cambridge he chose to pursue his second interest. English literature, an unusual decision for the member of a scientific dynasty but wholly in character with a man of such wide-ranging interests.

After a wartime career in operational research for the RAF, and later for the state-owned airline BOAC, Huxley's love of botany and writing converged in a career in horticulture. In 1949 he ioined the staff of Amateur Gardening under the editorship of Arthur Hellver. who he came to regard as a mentor in horticulture and journalism.

By 1971, when Huxley decided to devote himself full-time to writing and travelling, he had become not only editor of this long-established magazine, but also a figure respected and



admired by the world of horticulture. Huxley's career as author began during his years at Amateur Gardening when he wrote handbooks and occasional pieces about gardens at home and abroad.

Whether he was describing a parterre or a tropical terrace, these pieces anticipated his later books in their style and variety.

He loved travelling, especially to the Mediterranean and the rainforests of pher. They formed a bridge between

greener animale where passion for plant followed respect for habitat.

garden and wilderness and inspired a

This message can be read into all of Huxley's later activities as author, lecturer and leader of many botanical expeditions. It is nowhere more clear than in Green Inheritance, written to support the World Wildlife Fund's plant conservation campaign.

Tropical plants were among Huxley's favourites and he became an expert on houseplants, again writing several books on the subject. He was a pioneer of growing houseplants in large bottles, a technique which has enabled many people to grow delicate plants in centrally heated homes.

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history, especially gardening history from the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans). A result of this was the publication of An Illustrated History of Gardening. The highlight of his career was his editorship of The New Royal Morticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening, published this year and covering every aspect of plants and

Huxley had a great sense of humour and loved bizarre and unusual plants. His small suburban front garden was almost filled with Gunnera manicata. a large rhubarb-like species, taller than

a man, from South America. Closely involved with the Royal Horticural Society, Huxley had been a member of its council. He was awarded the RHS Veith Memorial Medal in 1979. In 1980 the society bestowed on him its highest award: the Victoria Medal of Honour.

He is survived by his wife Alyson and four daughters.

CYRIL WALTERS

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style which even then was

By 1933 he was in the

England side, playing in all

three Tests against the West

Indies and scoring nine centuries for Worcestershire, a

county record surpassed since then only by Glenn Turner

In India in the winter of

1933-4, with D. R. Jardine's

MCC side, he averaged 71 in

the three Tests, making his only Test hundred in the last

The Australians were in England in 1934, set upon avenging their defeat in the Bodyline series of 1932-3, and

Walters more or less chose

himself as Herbert Suicliffe's

opening partner. He had a remarkably consistent series, passing 40 seven times in his

nine innings and averaging

and Graeme Hick.

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fashioned."

Cyril Frederick Walters. the England Test tricketer, died in Neath on December 23 aged 87. He was born in Glamorgan on August 28.

1905.

IN THE years between the two world wars England fielded no more graceful a bats-man than Cyril Walters. Tall. slim and handsome, with a full swing of the bat and exceptional wrists, by the end of 1934 he had played in 11 successive Test matches and averaged more than 50 runs. But in 1935 ill health forced

him to abandon the game.

Born in Bedlinog, Mid Glamorgan, and educated at Neath County School. he played 75 matches for Glamorgan to a state of the second morgan, starting in 1923, but with limited success. In 1928, when he was only 24. he was appointed secretary of

It was not uncommon in those days for a county secre-tary to be an active member of his county side, but Walters had first to spend two years in Worcestershire, qualifying by residence. That done, he was soon making runs for them—1,021 in his first season. 1,103 in his second, 1,562 in his third and 2,165 in his

When a broken thumb prevented R.E.S. Wyatt from playing in the first Test match, Walters took over as England's captain. Although this was more because of his amateur status than his se-

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niority as a player, he had He had improved his game been leading Worcestershire since leaving Glamorgan and the seming at New Road, with since 1931. its smoothest of outfields and

Australia had the two most deadly spinners in the world. O'Reilly and Grimmett, and Walters made good use of his height and reach when he tackled them. The one disappointment was that in spite of often getting to 40 he had to

walters's play had, perhaps, something of David Gower's nonchalance. He was lovely to watch but his attention was liable to stray. In the field, away from the bat, he was very

It was a sad loss when his health broke down halfway through the 1935 season and he faded out of the game to work in his wife's family business. His special glory was the leg glance but his 12.415 runs in first-class cricket (average 30.94), which included 21 centuries, were scored all round the wicket.

Recently he started to revisit the grounds he graced as a player. Still elegant and unruf-fled, he spent a day at Lord's last June in Paul Getty's box with Bob Wyan for company. watching the Test match against Pakistan. He was also in his first year as president of the Worcestershire Old Players' Association.

CYRIL AYNSLEY

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Cyril Aynsley, former chief reporter of the Daily Express, has died aged 79. He was born on April 13, 1913.

A TENENT

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CYRIL Aynsley was one of the leading figures on the Daily Express during its great years when it sold more than four million copies a day and a place on its staff represented the height of ambition for many journalists who hoped to break into Fleet Street.

Under two famous editors. Arthur Christiansen and Ted (later Sir Edward) Pickering. and a host of their successors. Aynsley represented an easily recognisable Express type urbane, fast-thinking, unfail-

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producing a colourful and sometimes memorable phrase while under deadline

He followed a traditional route to Fleet Street, starting on a local paper and serving his apprenticeship in the forcing ground of Manchester. He was born in Penrith. educated at a grammar school, and went from school to the Carlisle Journal. He worked for the Daily Mirror in Manchester and the Daily Express in Liverpool before he volunteered to join the RAF as a wireless operator/air gunner

He was as dependable an airman as he was a journalist

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ingly accurate and capable of , and gravitated naturally to Bomber Command, flying missions over Germany until his Stirling bomber was shot down in 1941 while returning

from a raid on Berlin.

As a prisoner of war Aynsley remained at heart a journalist. He took down the BBC news, circulated it clandestinely among his fellow prisoners and started a camp newspeople for the Daily Express paper. Instead of interviewing interviewed prisoners about their experiences and managed to send the intelligence he obtained to London.

On demobilisation Aynsley returned to the Daily Express in the North of England but Christiansen, the great talent spotter, brought him to London in spite of the restrictions on recruiting Fleet Street staff caused by newsprint rationing.

It was Aynsley who was sent to interview Churchill when the then leader of the Opposition sped back to Britain in a chartered flying boat for the 1950 election campaign. Despite confusion about whether the aircraft was landing at Calshot or Southampton, he guessed correctly and got Churchill's first comments as he came ashore in Southampton.

South America and studying plants in

their natural habitats. Some of his

many books were based on these

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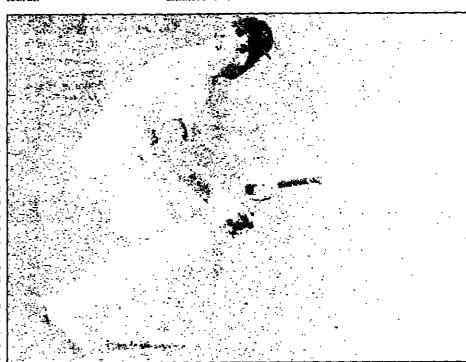
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It was Aynsley who in the same year found himself obtaining Lady Astor's views on Bernard Shaw as the two sat beside Shaws body on the playwright's deathbed. And it was Aynsley who was reserved for some of Lord Beaverbrook's major stories, such as obtaining the Duke of Windsor's controversial answers to accusations about his wartime

conduct. Towards the end of his career he became a broadcasting correspondent but when trouble flared up in Northern Ireland he was recalled to the colours. His reporting then was as distinguished as it was at any stage during his career.

He did not enjoy good

health in his last years. He married Rosa Ferranti in 1938 and they had two sons and two daughters.



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has justified his election to the French

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The French General Pittie is not the only senior officer to declare a love for poetry, Field-Marshal Earl Wavell (1883-1950) published an admired anthology of poems he knew by heart called Other Men's Flowers.

poetic works. The General's verses are

sweet and harmonious, and, as he says in his charming and simple introduction, they are full of sincerity. It is, in fact, the sincerity of his thoughts and aspirations which is the characteristic of his little volume of poems, "A Travers la Vie," just published by Lemerre. This book is both the repertory of his poetic productions and a testament which he hands over to public curiosity before abandoning for ever his sweet and soothing occupation.

This volume of 250 pages contains about 80 pieces of poetry. It opens with a sonnet full of simplicity, "Mon ame vient du peuple." it ends with the beautiful piece, "Au Pays des Chimères." in which burst forth the author's craving after the ideal and his disdain for forms of folly and weakness. There are four sonnets towards the middle of the collection the violence of which contrasts with the sweetness and grace displayed elsewhere. These are "Germania", "La Haine", "La France Immortelle", and "A Gambetta". What explains, what almost excuses, their tone of harshness and irritation, which jars with the pervading love of humanity, is that they are written and dated October, 1870, November, 1870, and December, 1870. When armies are engaged in a massacre of each other on the field of battle poets should draw the sword and cast aside the pen. When verses produced while the blood is up are read at a later time, a painful feeling is experienced as the fierce accents of war resound in the midst of peace.

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TV LISTINGS

Leading British comedians of the past 60 years, from Max Milier to Frankie Howerd and Sid Field

to Ken Dodd, are recalled in a two-

and-a-half-hour compilation, He-

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modest proposals to produce a sensible honours system for a would

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resolution for EC governments

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COLUMNS

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Confucius, Lao Tse and all the

other great teachers, must weep

when they see their messages of

love flung on bonfires, while intol-

erance, anger, hatred, cruelty and

violence stalk the world Page 16

BERNARD LEVIN

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OPINION

Clubs for honours

Hail, single market

Crazy for antiques

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Smith in crossfire as Labour splits

■ John Smith's efforts to regain power for Labour after the four election defeats are being hampered by divisions at the top of the party over the strategy it needs to win in 1996 or 1997. He is caught in crossfire between two factions with views of how the party should respond to its defeat last April.

A group including Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and Margaret Beckett, who want to continue the Kinnock reforms, are resisted by a faction led by John Prescott and including Clare Short, who feel the party has compromised too much Page 1

Bullish Lamont offers no rate cuts

Britain's economy will do much better next year than in 1992, but there will be no further interest rate cuts unless growth fails below the Treasury's expectations, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, says in a new year interview. He is bullish about economic prospects...Pages 1,16

Actor knighted

Actor Anthony Hopkins and media personality David Frost are both knighted today in the New Year Honours List. They head an annual array of honours that will be the last before John Major begins changing the system Pages 1.8,9,17,21,40

Cheaper to own

Young couples are leading the way in a new housing boom. finding it cheaper to own their home than to rent one. Estate agents say first-time buyers can pay up to £200 a month less in mortgage repayments than in rent on a similar propertyPage 3

Watch on security

A team of MPs will call next month for a parliamentary committee to be set up to scrutinise the intelligence services, arguing that the time has come to make MI5, and the other services, more accountable.... Page 2

Switching channels

Melinda Wittstock, Media Correspondent, explains why TVam, Thames, TVS and TSW are about to leave the nation's television screens, and says welcome to their successors Pages 4,5

Single market life

The arrival of the European single market has had Brussels' Eurocrats crowing and the outgoing British presidency in raptures at its efforts to tie up the final details. The Times begins a series on how life may change

Bush's farewell

President Bush arrives in Somalia tonight to spend new year's day with US troops. At the weekend he will ensure his place in the history books by holding a summit meeting with President Yeltsin and signing a landmark nuclear arms treaty...... Page 12

Anthrax claims

Scientists are to investigate claims that the largest-ever anthrax epidemic, affecting 10,000 people, was started by Rhodesian security forces as an act of biological war against black insurgents between 1978 and 1980. Page 13

Balkans war

As the United Nations secretarygeneral starts to favour armed intervention, the West may have misread Serbian motives. The indications are that any war will not spread beyond the borders of the former Yugoslavia _ Page 10

Czechoslovak split

Tonight, at midnight, two new states are born. There will be celebratory fireworks over Prague and Bratislava, but the main feeling will be one of sadness for the early divorce of the Czechoslovak federationPage 10

Vote confidence

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish foreign minister, is confident his country will approve the Maastricht treaty next year. "I wasn't too good at predicting the result last time, but I expect a big under the new rules...... Page 7 'Yes' now," he said...... Page 12

Cameras uncover hidden hoards

The BBC's Antiques Roadshow celebrates its 150th programme when a new series starts next month, and there is still no sign of Britain's hidden hoards of treasure drying up. After 15 years the Sunday show has become compulsive viewing for millions and has raised awareness that almost any home could contain a potential treasure trove...... Page 4.17



Women and children fleeing their village near Kumsangir in Tajikistan as government soldiers hunt Muslim fundamentalists.

Government supporters are trying to rebuild a communist regime in civil war in the south of the former Soviet republic

Food war: Sainsbury's and Tesco are cutting prices on hundreds of goods by up to 50 per cent this weekend, sparking lears of a renewed price war among food retailers. Analysis are concerned about the impact on competitors like Asda and Gateway Page 21

Stock market: Heavy falls among supermarket groups dragged the London market down in thin trading yesterday. The FT-SE 100 Index ended near its low for the day. down 15.3 at 2,832.5. Sterling fell 0.1 cents against the dollar to close at \$1.5130, but rose 2.2pf against the mark from DM2.4378 to DM2.4408 Page 21

SPORT

1993 Calendar: A six-match series for the Ashes and the contest for the Ryder Cup are prime attractions of next year's sporting summer. These and other leading events worldwide are featured in the comprehensive Times calendar of international sportPages 32-33

Rugby union: England's top players will drink a toast to the new year at their training camp in Lanzarote. It will be a demanding year, as it incorporates the first tour for a decade by New Zealand... Page 34

Olympic Games: Manchester's team striving to bring the 2000 Olympic Games to the city was alarmed by reports from Australia that Linford Christie, Britain's athletics captain, had said that Sydney would be a better choice ... Page 40

BODY AND MIND

Food dangers: 61,000 cases of food poisoning were reported in 1992. Julia Llewellyn Smith. whose family was among the victims, discovers how to avoid a nauseous new year Sting in the tail: How serious are reports of dengue fever brought in

by mosquitos in vehicles imported from the Far East - and how should it be treated? Page 15 Trail of a killer: Two doctors are trying to find why the rate of testicular cancer started to rise at the turn of the century Page 15

Cold comfort: The boys who found a baby on a golf course focused attention on how infants survive extreme cold. Page 15

Court No 1: The new Hollywood blockbuster A Few Good Men, starring Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson and Demi Moore, is an old-fashioned courtroom drama... Page 27 Court No 2: Gérard Depardieu and his son Guillaume play two ages of

> Marin Marais, court composer to Louis XIV, in Tous les Matins du Monde, but are outshone by Jean-Pierre Marielle... .. Page 27 Could not Copa: A homeless Brazilian family, given a house by Channel 4, could not come to terms

with a roof over their headsPage 27 reen the sheets: Madonna's Sex and revelations of unhappiness among the rich and famous were book best-sellers Page 28

Robin Smith will give

his injured toe time to

heal by missing the

match in India.

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Brave new bulldings: Historians are at last free to evaluate Stalin's contribution to the arts. Daniel Johnson examines Russian archi-

History lessons: A new account of the Russian civil war brings Norman Stone uncomfortable comparisons with Bosnia Page 29

appointment of a mythfinder-general to sort out truth from apocrypha about Eurolunacies ... Page 14 Happier new year: Anthony Holden sends a memo to the Queen, suggesting ten ways for the monarchy to survive 1993 Page 14

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Lamont's sparkling new year. In an exclusive interview with Anatole Kaletsky and Peter Riddell, the Chancellor maps out his plans for Page 16

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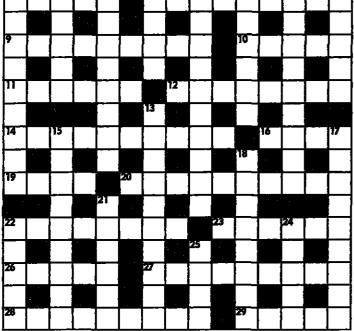
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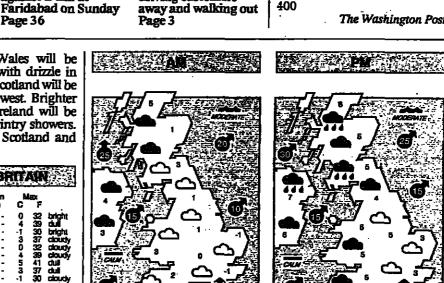
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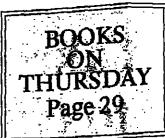
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BTR was the star of the Tempus 1992 selection with a rise of 37 per cent, reflecting the benefit of the Hawker Siddeley takeover Page 23

TWIN PEAKS



In the City, SG Warburg topped the list of corporate financial advisers in 1992, working on the two largest deals

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Tesco and Sainsbury meet head-to-head on prices

Store wars break out for 1993

By Patricia Tehan

SAINSBURY'S and Tesco are to turn the screw on their weaker competitors Gateway and Asda this weekend with the start of a supermarket price war offering a range of discounts of up to 50 per cent on hundreds of their products.

David Sainsbury, who took over as chairman from his cousin Lord Sainsbury at the beginning of November, and Sir Ian MacLaurin, Tesco's long-serving chairman, are prepared to sacrifice profit margin in this latest battle in the highly competitive food

retailing market. Sainsbury's started the contest yesterday saying it can afford to make what it calls its biggest and best ever package of price cuts" because it is in a strong position after beating Christmas sales targets. Sains bury's is to cut prices on 750 items from Sunday with reductions between 15 per cent and 50 per cent.

Tesco hit back with an accusation that "Sainsbury's has to do something about prices because its prices are at the top end", but then announced a promotion on over 1,000 items from Monday.

Tesco said: "Our promotional programme has always been at least as competitive as that of Sainsbury's and we anticipate that next week will be no different." The promotion includes over 100 reductions of more than 33 per cent. with some at half price.

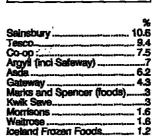
The move will put immense pressure on Isosceles, parent of the Gateway supermarket chain, which last week said it was negotiating a financial restructuring with its banks. Isosceles has debts of around £1.3 billion. Two weeks ago the group, a leveraged buy-out vehicle for Gateway, disclosed it was suffering deep financial difficulties and asked its banks for a standstill agreement. A Gateway spokeswoman

Massive discounts on a wide range of foods by market leaders Sainsbury's and Tesco will put pressure on their weaker supermarket rivals from next week

said it too would run a New Year promotion, with price cuts of up to 40 per cent on over 100 items. She said: "Gateway runs promotions every day of the week, every week of the year." She described the Sainsbury's price cuts as "media hype"

Asda, at the end of the first six months of a three-year recovery plan, could also suf-fer. It pledged yesterday to keep its food prices down. Paul Dowling, Asda's cor-

porate affairs director, said: We are and will remain the



lowest price national smerstore. Our food pricing is about every day low pricing,

not seasonal gimmicks". Mr Dowling said Asda will do what it has to do to remain the lowest-priced superstore. Asda's January sale, primarily on non-food items, started on Sunday with price cuts on more than 1,500 items.

The news sent food retailing shares spiralling down. Asda shares lost 3.4 per cent of their value, falling to 56 hp; Argyll Group which owns Safeway fell 5.2 per cent to 398p; Kwik

Save, the leading discount retailer, lost 2.7 per cent to 784p; J Sainsbury fell 2.4 per cent to 561p; and Tesco, seen as less able to afford to discount prices than Sainsbury's, fell 5.6 per cent to

251p.
Tony MacNeary, food retailing analyst at County NatWest, said the profitability and earnings per share of the major food retailers is not likely to be damaged by the price cuts. He said the promotions will damage the Co-op, the independents and the corner shops. However, he said, Tesco is more exposed than Sainsbury's as "it is

already having a hard enough time" in the recession. He said Tesco "has been struggling to keep up with the pace that Sainsbury's has been setting." In September, Tesco admitted it was being outperformed by Sainsbury's. It revealed it had a like-for-like sales trend of minus 1 per cent.

These January sales echo the supermarket price war started by Sainsbury last January that turned nasty as the food giants battled for market share. Mr MacNeary said: The last thing Gateway wants to do is to cut prices, it needs the cash tkow

Safeway yesterday nounced a promotion on 500 items from Monday, combined with a cut-price holiday promotion with Thomson

based on its till receipts. The moves will put the pressure on Kwik Save, Britain's leading discount supermarket, which averages discounts of between 10-15 per cent on the others.

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Fresh offensive: David Sainsbury leading the charge

Sainsbury's will cut up to 50 per cent off 750 items in its 'biggest and best package of price cuts'

Business New Year honours

Kingfisher chief knighted

By Jon Ashworth

Fighting back: Tesco's Ian MacLaurin will match offers

Challenger Tesco retaliates with cuts

from 1,000 items in 'a programme at

least as competitive as Sainsbury's'

GEOFFREY Mulcahy, the retailer who has been leading the fight to keep shops open on Sunday, has been awarded a knighthood. He joins Bob Clarke, of United Biscuits, and a host of fellow business leaders who have been honoured in the New Year's honours list. Sir Geoffrey, chairman and

Sir Geomey, channan and chief executive of Kinglisher, the group that owns Wool-worths, B&Q. Superdrug and Comet, has been knighted for services to the retail industry. but described his honour as "a team effort". B&Q has been testing the courts in an attempt to end confusion over the Sunday trading laws. "It's in everyone's interest to see this uncertainty resolved", Sir Geoffrey said.

Sir Robert, 62, chairman of United Biscuits (Holdings), has been knighted in recognition of 40 years' service to the food industry. He has served on food industry trade bodies since the mid-sixties and took UB into continental Europe. John "Chips" Keswick, chairman of Hambros Bank, receives a knighthood for services to banking. Born in Shanghai and educated at Eton, he was appointed Hambros chairman in 1986 and

became joint deputy chairman of Hambros plc in 1990.
Christopher Lewinton. chairman and chief executive of TI Group, the engineering and acrospace company, is knighted for services to engineering. Sir Christopher led TI to victory in its £485 million takeover bid for Dowty Group in the summer. Geoffrey linkin, chairman of

the Cardiff Bay Development



Three for accolade: Kinglisher's Mulcahy, top, Keswick of Hambros Bank, left, and Clarke of United Biscuits

Corporation, is knighted for public service in Wales. Sir Geoffrey is chairman of the Land Authority for Wales.

There is a knighthood, too, for Wilfrid "CW" Newton, chairman and chief executive of London Transport and chairman of London Underground. Sir Wilfrid, 63, was previously group managing director and chief executive of

Turner and Newall. He was chairman of the Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway Corpo-

ration from 1983 to 1989. Raymond Johnstone, chairman of the Forestry Commission, is knighted for public service in Scotland. Sir Raymond, 63; was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, qualified as a firm, as a spin-off from Robert Fleming. He is still the firm's non-executive chairman.

Paul Nicholson, who suc-ceeded his father, Douglas, as chairman of Vaux Group in 1976, is knighted for services to industry and to the public in northeast England. Sir Paul is a director of Northern Electric and chairman of the Type and Wear Development Corporation. Christopher Bland, chair

man of LWT Holdings since 1983, receives a knighthood for his services to the com-munity. Sir Christopher, 54, is chairman of the Hammersmith and Queen Charlotte's Hospitals Special Health Business leaders to receive

CBE's include Frank Barlow of Pearson, Clinton Silver of Marks and Spencer and David Wigglesworth, former head of the CBI's economic Taylor, vice chairman of Hanson, joins the list along with Edwin Foden, chairman and chief executive of ERF (Holdings), the truck company, and Roger Corley, managing director of Clerical Medical, the insurance group.

John Jarvis, of Jarvis Ho-tels, is appointed a CBE together with Bill Morrison, chairman of the Auditing Practices Board, Christopher Sharp, managing director of Northern Rock building society, and Peter Dean, deputy chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Company failures leap by 31%

THE number of business failures soared 31 per cent to nearly 63,000 this year, as companies were pushed under by the burden of bad debt. Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group that compiled the figures, said the

number of failures is likely to grow for the next two years, as the recession continues its stranglehold on British firms. London and the south east of England were hardest hit, accounting for one in three of the 62,767 business failures in Britain and one in every two

The Treasury said the fig-ures reflected what has already happened in the economy and not prospects for the future. The D&B figures show that the rate of growth of business per cent in 1991. The pace of

limited company liquidations.

liquidations of larger companies slowed from 49 per cent to 11 per cent, helped by their success in cutting costs, postponing investment and delaying payments. However, D&B said that this success hit smaller firms, as shown by a 47 per cent

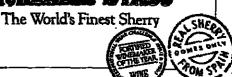
increase in bankruptcies among sole traders, partnerships and associates.
Philip Somervell, survey manager for D&B, said that business failures have still not reached their post-recession

He expects larger firms to continue with cost cutting. which will continue to bring pain to smaller companies. He does not expect the number of failures to fall until after 1994.



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Takeover fees fall to eight-year low

By NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE City's merchant banks face further job losses and cost-cutting, takeover fees having plunged to their lowest level for eight years in 1992. The value of public takeover bids has also slumped, as companies have avoided doing deals in the recession.

Annual figures from Acquisitions Monthly, the specialist takeover magazine, show that the value of completed public bids in Britain fell by a quarter, to £7.5 billion, this year. That compares with a peak of £55 billion in 1989.

The City's banks, accountants and solicitors collected fees of only £110 million from these takeovers, a fall of 24 per cent from 1991 and only an eighth of the revenue they earned in 1989. Fees have fallen back to 1984 levels, and are not adequate to cover the high fixed costs of many

Philip Healey, Acquisitions Monthly's editor, estimates that 200 corporate financiers lost their jobs this year. "That is a conservative estimate," he "While many of the redundancies were made by

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■ The value of bids and mergers slumped in 1992 but S G Warburg leap-frogged rivals to top the table of corporate advisers after working on the two largest deals of the year

comers are finding it difficult

to generate business. S G Warburg topped the list in

1992, up from fourth position

Warburg worked on

deals, worth a total of £7.65

billion. These included the two largest of the year, the Hong-kong and Shanghai Bank's

£3.7 billion acquisition of

Midland, and Reed Interna-

tional's £3.11 billion merger

Schroders maintained its

number two position, and also

topped the table for the most

deals in the year. The bank worked on nine bids, worth

£4.09 billion. These also in-

cluded the Midland bid. and

Lloyds Chemists' £90 million

offer for Macarthy. Morgan Grenfell, last year's

chart-topper, fell to fourth place, but there was a strong

performance from Samuel

Montagu, which rose from

thirteenth to third position,

thanks once again to its work

earlier years have vied for high

with Elsevier of Holland.

the year before.

second-line finance houses, more than a few were executed by the blue chip banks as well. But they all planned and executed their lay-offs with the utmost discretion."

The figures show that newly formed corporate finance boutiques had a bad year, with the exception of Hambro Magan. Mr Healey forecast that unless takeover activity recovered, many boutiques might not survive until 1994. Lloyds has decided to close its merchant banking subsidiary owing to lack of business.

Merchant banks are coldcalling potential corporate cli-ents, offering them deals. Companies are doing much takeover work in-house, to save on fees, and are shopping around the City for the most

competitive rates.

The league table of corporate finance advisers shows that the City's traditional sion most successfully; new-

Rank last year No of deals Value (£m)

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on the offer for Midland. its TOP 10 MERCHANT BANKS IN 1992 A surprising feature of the table is the disappearance of American advisers, which in

> Many smaller British and European houses — including Smith New Court, Credit Lyonnais Laing. ABN Amro. and Albert E Sharp - reappeared, however, Hambros rose nine places to 11;

Warning knocks Pentos



"Sudden drop in orders": Terry Maher. chairman

SHARES of Pentos, the books and office furniture group, dropped by a quarter to 52p, then recovered to 56p. The lurch followed a warning from the company that 1992 profits "will be significantly below market

expectations". Terry Maher, chairman, added that the level of the final dividend, which was 2.05p a share in 1991, would be considered in the light of trading at the time of the preliminary profits amounce-

ment in March. He blamed the likely poor 1992 outcome on a further, and sudden, drop in orders since mid-September for office furniture, and a poor Christmas market for Athena Galleries.

Analysts have been expecting Pentos to report pre-tax profits of between £13 million and £15 million for the year to today, compared with £15.2 million the company earned in 1991.

Now they are predicting a figure of about £5 million once the group has accounted for reorganisation costs and other items that will be taken above the line.

Pentos owns Ryman, the stationer, Wilding office equipment stores and Dillons bookshops.

Overheads have been cut in

the two poorly performing divisions, and gearing is likely to be above 50 per cent. Pentos said trading at Dillons and Ryman, including Wilding, continued to be satisfactory, but that markets for its other divisions had weak-

ened sharply in the final quarter of the year. At the interim stage, Pentos paid an unchanged dividend of 0.7p a share after reporting that pre-tax profits had fallen from £2.9 million to £2.4

CBI chief raises hopes of recovery next year

SIR Michael Angus, president of the Confederation of British Industry, predicts recovery from recession in 1993, provided UK business stays competitive and keeps pay down. In his New Year message to CBI members, he says: "With the competitive advantages of a lower exchange rate, lower interest rates, and lower inflation, UK manufacturers are well

placed to increase their market share. But it is essential that these advantages are not eroded by inflation." Control of costs, particularly pay, is a priority, he says.

The single European market that comes into being next month should help to stimulate activity. Sir Michael says, as should the American market, in which there are clear signs of recovery. The new Clinton administration should monide should the American marker, in which there are clear signs of the covery. The new Clinton administration should provide extra momentum. The Centre for Management Buyout Research also pointed towards recovery. It issued statistics showing that the value of buyouts and buy-ins rose 12 per cent in 1992, to £3.175 billion.

Peseta maintains lead

THE peseta maintained its position as the strongest currency in the European exchange-rate mechanism yesterday after Tuesday's decision by the Spanish government to make the Bank of Spain autonomous from 1994 with powers similar to those of the Bundesbank or the Federal Reserve Bank. The Bank of Spain will dictate Spanish monetary policy and define its objectives atthough the government will appoint the governor and other senior people.

Estates & Agency dips

NET asset value at Estates & Agency Holdings, a property investment group, declined by 8.3 per cent, to 393p a share, in the year to June 30. The company said most of the fall related to properties in central London. John Rosefield. chairman, said London values had fallen by 10 to 15 per cent during the year. Pre-tax profits were £787,000, compared with £1.08 million in the previous 18 months. There is a second interim dividend of 0.5p, making a total of 3p.

Sale Tilney suspended

TRADING in shares of Sale Tilney, the loss-making miniconglomerate whose interests span food, industrial products. insurance and finance, was suspended yesterday, at 42p, at the company's request, pending clarification of its financial position. Earlier this month the company, whose borrowings are thought to be about £24.5 million, said it was close to agreeing a financial restructuring with its banks.

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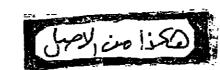
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Cut-price jitters at the checkouts

ne day, stores shares jump on the stock market because people are flocking to buy cut-price bargains. Next day, supermarket shares fall because the checkout kings are going to have a binge of January discounts. Confusion was greatest among traders in Marks and Spencer, which has a foot in both camps and whose shares of the stock has a foot in both camps and whose shares duly rose and fell in the passing swell. The contrast is understandable. For stores, the pace of consumer spending is most important. In the higher rated supermarket business, overall sales are taken for granted. The keys are margins and market shares.

The sector has been growing nervous despite some sterling performances during the recession, when net operating margins at J Sainsbury, Tesco and Argyll's Safeway have continued to widen. Anxiety is partly due to the generally high share ratings, but also to nagging long-term doubts. Superstore openings are approaching saturation point, even if they never reach it because new products and services are introduced, ranging from in-store bakeries to Sunday opening. At the opposite end are fears that the rival top-notch supermarkets might be vulnerable to plainer discount retailers such as Kwik Save. The leaders having someored treditional independent leaders, having squeezed traditional independents. have been bolstered by their ability to take business from weaker big chains such as Isosceles' Gateway

or, until recently. Asda.

Sainsbury, which managed to get in first with price cuts, has reasserted itself as market leader to the extent that its shares fell by less than half the drops of more than 5 per cent registered at Tesco and Argyll. Gateway, which has never recovered from its leveraged takeover, is inevitably marked as the biggest potential loser. The falling status of Tesco is more worrying for a sector that has so far managed to disguise its vulnerability to the property market. Having raced up to vie neck and neck with Sainsbury, Tesco shows signs of tiredness, notably in sales growth from existing stores. The rush into Sunday trading looked a sign of weakness rather than expansion. Tesco sees its fall from grace, which has brought a much reduced stock market rating despite strong earnings and dividend growth, as purely temporary, perhaps due to timing of initiatives and a throwback from its old image.

As yet, there is little reason to see the latest round of seasonal price cuts as the start of a price war that none of the participants wants. The effects will, however, be watched with eagle eyes to see if Tesco really has weakened or whether it will prove to be the pioneer of a more general slowing of profit growth.

Spain dares

s candidates to succeed Robin Leigh-A Pemberton as Governor of the Bank of England await the final call, they may wonder how different life might be if they were in line to run the Bank of Spain. The Spanish government has opted to give its central bank control of monetary policy on Bundesbank lines, taking stable prices as the test for setting interest rates and controlling money supply, with support for government policies conditional on them also meeting that test.

Nothing similar is likely to happen in Britain, not inclination to keep up with the Maastricht timetable for monetary union inside the ERM. Vassalship must have been a relief for Mr Leigh-Pemberton. Without a single currency, the critical issue in central bank independence is management of the exchange rate. Any Governor saddled with the exchange rate at which Britain entered the ERM would have been tied to a bed of nails, certain only to reap the entire blame for all that followed. Outside the mark zone, independence would make more sense.

Business and democracy compete to shape future of Hong Kong

Sino-British quarrels have hauled the colony

from its economic

heights of 11 months ago. Lulu Yu asks where

they will lead in 1993

ho would have thought 1992 would end this way for Hong Kong? The year started with a bang. The economy went from strength to strength. The stock and property markets recorded healthy gains. Inflation was reined in. We had a new governor whom everybody liked. And we were going to have a

Eleven months later, things are in tatters. Hong Kong is gripped by political crisis. Business confidence is severely shaken. Economic fundamentals are in jeopardy. The outlook is worse than in the days before the colony's future was sealed by Britain and China in 1984.

The uncertainties caused by the The uncertainties caused by the Sino-British quarrel will follow Hong Kong into 1993, a year Chinese fortune tellers say will bring good luck and prosperity. Some are cynical about such predictions, but many will agree with the following:

Hong Kong will continue to benefit from the reforms in China.

Diffinancial markets will have a roller-coaster ride in reaction to the political climate.

The economy will hinge on the renewal of most favoured nation status for China. ☐ High inflation and low interest

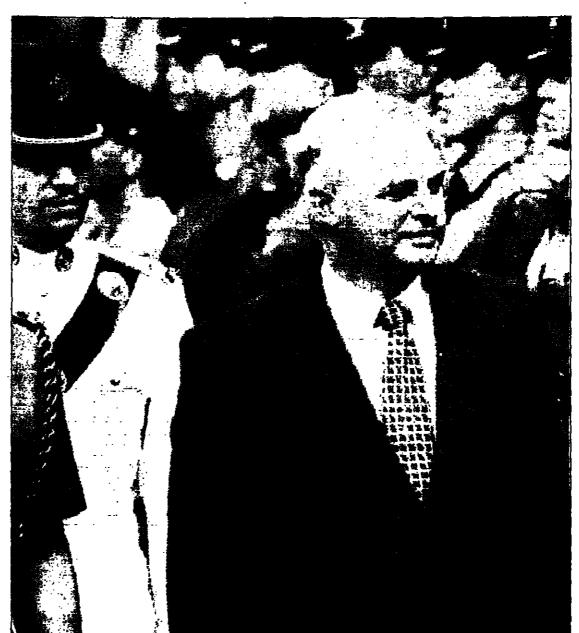
rates will continue to erode savings. There is a large degree of consensus on the cause of the Sino-British dispute, which started when Governor Chris Patten proposed democratic reforms and intensified when China threatened to tear up all business contracts, including the one that promises a capitalist lifestyle for Hong Kong after 1997. Britain has taken the threats in its stride and refused to kowtow to China's demands. Peking has since attacked Jardine Matheson, the largest and

oldest British group in the colony.

Norman Miners, a professor at
Hong Kong university, said: "China is obviously annoyed. Mr Patten is acting contrary to the way British and Hong Kong governments have acted in the past, which is never to criticise China in public and never to appeal to public opinion." The community is divided on how

Hong Kong should get out of the impasse. The reform-minded say it is the last chance for democracy. The riorating stock market. They want more pragmatism in dealing with Hong Kong's future master, pointing out that whatever changes are in-stalled could be dismantled by China after 1997. Allen Lee, Hong Kong's senior legislative councillor, said: "If this row and impasse continue I really think Hong Kong will go down the drain. Business confidence is

Another legislator, Christine Loh.



Up in arms: Chris Patten's stand over democracy has caused economic sabre rattling from China

who heads a large company with publishing and property interests, strongly disagreed. "We should stand very firm," she said. "If we can't even determine some of the things that are dearly within the province of Hong Kong to determine, where is the autonomy after 1997?"

Many in the pro-China camp, including K S Wai, a public relations man, argue that it is too late for changes. Britain did not fight for more democratic reforms in 1984 or in 1990, when the Basic Law miniconstitution was promulgated, he says, and should not do anything

prominent journalist, is disgusted with that argument. "It's never too late to turn to 6 million people, who have nowhere to go, who are stuck here. Can we tell them, sorry Jack, it's too late? If you're purged by the communists after 1997, it's too bad. I'm going to bail out, it's too late to help you. Can we say that to the people of Hong Kong?"

Businessmen and stockbrokers say there is no need to upset China and

give Hong Kong democracy, when the colony has thrived without democracy for the past 95 years. They say there is no reason for China not to honour its promises or cause damage

to the colony. They argue that Hong Kong is too important as China's gateway to foreign trade and investments; it employs 3 million people Guangdong province, accounts for 40 per cent of China's exports and is

the conduit for 70 per cent of its foreign investment. China has large investments in Hong Kong's property, stock and banking markets, they point out, and takeover of the colony after 1997 will be a modal unification with Taiwan.

n unlikely alliance of big business and communist cadres has formed in Hong Kong round these beliefs. Mr Patten's initiatives are blamed for the stock market falls and the uncertainties surrounding Hong Kong's airport, port and other longterm contracts. The critics want the government to withdraw his controversial proposals for electoral re-forms, which are due to be debated and passed in some form in February.

"If Patten's proposals are passed in the Legislative Council, I see a situation where all hell will break loose," Mr Lee said. "The Hong Kong and British governments must consider whether the Chinese words are empty threats, whether they mean business, whether that's detrimental to Hong Kong's future." Ms Loh said: "Let's not just look at

what the Hang Seng index does on a day-to-day basis. "That's only one barometer of confidence. The confidence has been knocked because of what has been said by China. People are concerned that Hong Kong will not be able to enjoy a high degree of autonomy and, if that is the case, the business environment may be

changed." Marshall Byres, of Ernst & Young, the accountant, called on the Hong Kong government not to delve into politics. "The economy is still booming," he said. "If the political pressure is relieved, the economy will look after

itself. The concept of laissez faire must continue as much as possible." Robert Broadfoot, of the Political and Economic Risk Consultancy Company, sees no quick end to the political deadlock but believes the economy will survive. "The longer it drags on." he said, "the more businesses will grow accustomed to the fact that it is indeed possible to separate the business risk from the political risk."

One development is likely. Interna-tional perception will shift for Hong Kong and China. Historically, banks and credit agencies have considered China's credit risk to be greater than Hong Kong's. Now it is being reassessed. In early December, Standard and Poor's put Hong Kong on its Creditwatch, a signal the agency may lower the colony's credit rating. David Tang, an executive of Cluff Resources, the UK oil group, said the 1997 risk factor was exaggerated. "People regard it as some sort of a remarkable point in the history of Hong Kong. What they don't see is, it is actually a continuation of Hong Kong into China. People regard 1997 as a risk. What I don't understand is how multinational

of China." He said the current instability was a good opportunity to make money. "Hong Kong has lived through major instabilities and people have cashed in on those. Many billionaires today made their money when there was a real downturn, they bought when nobody was buying. It is not something that is necessarily bad."

companies can invest millions in

China and yet say Hong Kong is

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ithout politics overshadowing the economy, Hong Kong is indeed a good place to invest. Taxes are low, the treasury is flush with cash. Growth is expected to be 5.5 to 6 per cent in 1993. The speculative property market has cooled down to reasonable levels, and the stock market has retreated substantially from its peak 6,400 level, creating strong buying opportunities. "We will have a good year in 1993

because we are starting from a depressed base," said Howard Gorges, of South China Securities, "I wouldn't be surprised to see a level of 8,000 on the Hang Seng index." A European broker asked: "Where else can you buy companies that are expected to have earnings growth of 20 to 30 per cent that are now

Analysts say China play stocks will continue to be the stars. "People are looking at companies which benefit from the growth of China as a whole rather than Hong Kong," said Robert Thomas, of Jardine Fleming ment Management. have done well and probably the support will continue."

But no matter what stocks are traded, the political risk will be high. Hong Kong has seen the market fall 1,000 points in a single week in December. "You can look at charts, but when you are talking about politics you are talking about emotions and theoretically there is no support," said Eugene Yang, of Standard Chartered Securities.

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Cartwright makes music

SHOULD Chris Cartwright, head of equities at Paribas Capital Markets, the London arm of the French bank, ever tire of the City, he has a new career at his feet. Cartwright. a. rhythm guitarist and vocalist, treated himself to a prized Greisch guitar after winning a five-figure sum from a bet on the outcome of the last general election, and has formed a band, Way Back When, which is now accepting bookings. "I put an ad in the local paper for fellow musicians and the phone didn't stop ringing." Cartwright, a former Wood Mackenzie partner, says. "We have several bookings already, including a 21st birthday party at Farmborough Football Club in Kent, and the Knockholt PTA." His moonlighting activities are clearly not affecting his day job. however. Indeed, some of his colleagues failed to recognise him, clad in jeans and a silk shirt, when he made a guest appearance with another inhouse Paribas band, Tired and Emotional, comprising Freddie Yearley, an equities trader, and Paula O'Brien, derivatives secretary, at this year's Paribas Christmas party in the Natural History Museum. "Hi Ho Silver Lining had them screaming for more, but lots of them failed to recognise me,"said Cartwright.

Juliet Bravo

SALESMEN and market makers at Smith New Court, who pride themselves on being more right than wrong, came badly unstuck on one

book they were running just before Christmas. This book was on the anticipated weight of a baby born to John Aldersley, pharmaceutical analyst-turned-specialist salesman, and his wife Rachel

on December 23. Given that noted bon viveur Aldersley is estimated to weigh in at about 16½ stone, making his 5ft 9ins frame look decidedly chunky, and that his wife was once a policewoman, many of his colleagues were happy to buy at 8lbs but sold short at 81 lbs. The baby, Juliet Daisy, eventually weighed in at 10lbs 2oz and cost most of them

Spirited back

HIGH spirits got somewhat out of hand when Richard inevitably shortened to Dick — Head, managing director of the interest rate options sec-tion of Prebon Yamane, the money and foreign exchange



"Yes, we had quite a good Christmas, thank you."

broker, took a party of colleagues to lunch at Eatons, a wine bar and restaurant in Mincing Lane. After the revel-lers had left the restaurant, proprietor Chris "Chubs" Haines realised that they had taken his bookings diary with them, leaving him clueless as to who had booked which ta-bles in the final — and ex-tremely busy — 48 hour runup to Christmas."It was an absolute catastrophe," says Haines. Catastrophe was averted, when the following hunchtime a well dressed gentlemen in what looked like an Armani raincoat came rushing in, put the diary on the

counter and rushed out again. relieved Haines reveals. Mondeo musings

ONE extravagant New Year's eve party now not taking place is the party originally planned by Ford at the Hilton to unveil new Mondeo car, which will replace the Sierra. Ford called off the event three weeks ago, fearing it was inappropriate after its announcement of record losses and 4,000 UK redundancies. Motoring correspondents have, however, still been given a preview at a more private function at the Dorchester. The excuse for the celebration was a farewell party for Harry Calton, public relations manager, who is joining Aston Martin. Motoring journalists, still under an embargo not to reveal specific details, do not seem overly excited by the new model. "It's a cross between the Honda Accord and the Vauxhall Cavalier. It looks just like any other four door saloon," says one.

CAROL LEONARD

THE TIMES CITY DIARY | Selection survives ravages of recession

A YEAR ago, our Tempus team picked half a dozen shares double-wrapped in health warnings. Warning number one dealt with the essential silliness of annual newspaper share tipping exercises. At best, they are benign seasonal fun. But they have as much right to be taken seriously as party-poppers and neon-flashing revolving bow ties. No investor in his right mind would buy shares with the express intention of hold-ing them for exactly 12 months any more than he would forgo the prudence of a diversified portfolio.

Warning number two said that with an election in the offing, monetary policy danc-ing to a Bundesbank tune and economic recovery proving clusive, stock picking was more than usually difficult. More unkind readers might say that the quality of the health warnings was better than the quality of the share selections. The outcome, however, was by no means ruinous though for much less effort a building society deposit would have produced almost as much reward.

Tempus said, correctly, that during 1991 investors had paid a price for anticipating economic recovery far too early and that the by now almost obligatory January ral-ly might well be wiped out later. There was indeed a modestly buoyant start to the year. But while the City was successful in detecting green shoots of recovery, the electorate remained far more myopic. Worse, the opinion polls failed to spot growth of any colour and, until election day dawned, John Major seemed set for defeat. By then, the and Christmas. By then, it



Bauman: delivered

early share gains had evaporated and the market was well below its New Year heights. on the year. The post-election euphoria that followed the Conservative re-election lasted only a few weeks. Confidence was crushed by a string of corporate disasters and almost daily evidence that the economic medicine was not working. Businessmen knew that if it was not hurting it was not working. But they longed to know what to do when it was burting aplenty but still not working. The answer came in September, on Black Wednesday, but not before the post-election gains were dissipated and the broad

Tempus picked the stock (as speculative) on the grounds market indicators almost 10 per cent down since January. that Mr Berry has a proven The sterling crisis blew itself out after withdrawal record in galvanising smaller companies and appears to be making giant strides at Busi-ness Technology. The fall was a reminder that in investfrom the exchange-rate mechanism, and share prices took off at the prospects of lower interest rates and growth-led policies. Gains have been spectacular. The FT-SE 100 ment, image is all and that, when thrown, mud tends to index surged almost 20 per cent between mid-September

The other let down was Medeva, the pharmaceuticals

Jan 1992 % gain or loss Year end price price Smithkline A 228 1,032 590 Medeva - 3.5 Reuter +36.7+17.5 Cable & Wireless +37.4 **Bus Technology** Average gain +9.3

*To December 24 Adjusted for solit

was up just over 13 per cent group being assembled under Bernard Taylor, a former Glaxo executive. Medeva As a group, the Tempus selections fared less well, revealed profits 234 per cent aining just over 9 per cent. The collective record, howevshare climbed almost 150 per er, was badly dented by a single stock, Business Techcent. But the shares slipped 3.5 per cent over the year. nology, now being revamped Medeva was a casualty of the by Tony Berry, former chairconservatism that grips investors at troubled moments. man of Blue Arrow. Its price plunged 44 per cent after Despite a rise from 228p to harsh criticism of Mr Berry in 300p early in the year, the a trade department report market slump when election and moves by that depart-ment to have him disqualified fever abated saw Medeva shares halve while other glamfrom being a company direcour rated shares did likewise. tor. Mr Berry rejects the D'II findings, but the affair dam-However, the company has a considerable following, as the aged confidence in Business share recovery later in the year showed. A stock to watch. Technology shares.

Pharmaceutical shares like Medeva and SmithKline Beecham were part of the Tempus strategy to pick shares in sectors likely to deliver earnings per share growth regardless of a sluggish economy. SmithKline's A shares rose only 12 per cent, though due to adverse currency movements affecting American profits and a general Ameri-

can led disenchantment with

With the shares at about £14 by Christmas, talk of a share split encouraged further speculative buying. Cable and Wireless shares, also chosen for recessionproof growth, were in a down trend for half the year. Prospects of fruitful ties with AT&T, of America, vanished as C&W forged links with Unitel instead. City misunderstanding over restructuring costs announced in spring also hurt the shares. But they gained 40 per cent in the final quarter on currency considerations and the sale of a stake in Mercury to Bell Canada, to end almost 18 per cent up on

the year.

BTR gained much from the aguisition of Hawker Siddeley, and its share price likewise. BTR shares were especially in favour after Black Wednesday, when the potential translation gains from its large overseas operation were absorbed by the market. Their rise of 37 per cent made them the star of the Tempus 1992 selection and they remain a splendid

Steel chief **forecasts** Community job losses

By COUN NARBROUGH

A CONTINUED fall in European Community steel output next year will speed up plans for large-scale job cuts, says Ruprecht Vondran, president of the German Iron and Steel Association.

In western Germany, the Community's leading steel-making region, Dr Vondran predicted that the industry would have to increase its from 15,000 to 25,000 over the next two years.

His comments, in an interview in Handelsblatt, the financial newspaper, followed the pre-Christmas petition by Klöckner-Werke, the privatesector German steelmaker, for protection from creditors over its DM2.7 billion debts. The Klöckner move reflected severe financial difficulties in the German steel sector. arousing fears that its action marked the start of a serious shake-out that could spread throughout the Community.

Heinz Kriwet, management board chairman of Thyssen. the biggest German steelmaker, has predicted that, if the present downturn in output and earnings in steel contin-ues, there would only be two or three privately-run, integrated steel mills in the Community by this time next year. Dr Vondran said the only solution was co-operation between the European Commis-

sion and industry. The latest figures from the International Iron and Steel Institute show that, among the industrialised regions. Europe suffered the biggest annual falls in steel production in November. World industrialised production fell an annual 4.6 per cent but western Europe slumped 1.3 per cent.

Government securities were chased higher in thin trading

as fund managers continued

tidying up their portfolios

Brokers described trading

conditions as exceptionally thin with support proving selective and targeted at the

longer end of the market. The

low level of turnover was

underlined in the future where the March series

In the cash market Treasury 9 per cent 2008 sported a rise of about £4 to finish at

£10315/16, while at the shorter end Exchequer 84 per cent 1997 firmed just three

But brokers like Greenwell

inflation. though

Montagu continue to take a

positive view longer term of prospects for the gilt market. It says much will depend on the government's ability to

there is little impact so far

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ahead of the year-end.

STOCK MARKET

Sainsbury food war threat puts shares in the slicer

bury. Britain's biggest high street supermarket chain, to intensify the food price war succeeded in dragging the rest

of the equity market lower.

The sudden drop in the stock market value of leading supermarket groups is estimated to the stock market which is the stock market with the stock market groups is estimated to the stock market with the stock marke mated to have accounted for around 5 points of the overall ed the move was likely to result in an even greater squeeze on margins and a subsequent drop in profits.

The Sainsbury challenge

left it nursing a loss of 14p at 561p. But the biggest fall was seen in Argyll, the Safeway supermarket group, down 22p at 398p, as almost 4 million shares changed hands. Losses were also recorded in Asda, down 2p at 562p, Tesco, 15p to 2\$1p. Iceland Frozen Foods, 10p to 621p. Kwik Save, 22p at 784p, and William Morrison

Supermarkets, 8p at 164p. But the message from brokers to investors last night over the threat was "don't panic". Tony MacNeary, at County NatWest, says: "It comes as no surprise. It's a repeat of last year's. It's more aggressive than usual, but served Sainsbury well and is one they

want to repeat". Bill Myers at Henderson Crosthwaite warns investors not to over-react: "The market has been looking for a reason to sell the sector and now they have found one. Tesco will certainly react to Sainsbury, so further downside is likely. But that will provide the opportunity to buy. Argyll and Sainsbury will offer the best



the food manufacturers on worries about a possible erosion of margins. There were Cadbary losses for Schweppes, 9p to 439p, Northern Foods, 8p to 265p. and United Biscuits, 11p to

35<u>2</u>p. The rest of the equity market spent a lacklustre session with market-makers effectively 2,832.5. Turnover was thin, with only 494 million shares traded. This figure was boost-ed by the placing of the rump in shares of USM-quoted Regal Hotels. By the close of business 116 million Regal shares had been traded. Regal returned from suspension at &p following a boardroom reshuffle and details of the proposed acquisition of

It looks as if holiday makers are taking advantage of the tour operators' price war. Shares of holiday companies were all marked sharply higher yesterday, with Airtours jumping 15p to 300p and Owners Abroad adding 7p at 94p. Brokers are convinced advanced bookings will show a big increase.

gaining the upper hand. They have been wanting to call prices lower for some time in the hope of picking up stock in the wake of the market's record breaking run. The overnight fall in Tokyo and a hesitant start to trading on Wall Street helped them in their cause. The FT-SE 100 index ended near its low for

the day, down 15.3 at

Catermix, which owns the Royal Oak Hotel in Yattendon, for a total of £400,000 and Woodmount, another privately owned company, for £100,000. Regal was originally suspended at 3p.

Shares of Sale Tilney were frozen at 42p pending clarification of the company's finan-

Among leaders, ICI recov-

ered an early fall to finish 5p dearer at £10.56 on talk of a profits upgrading, a rare event these days.

Glavo continued to make headway, climbing 11p to 785p in response to Tuesday's news that it has been given the go-ahead to market Imigran. its anti-migraine treatment in the US. Wellcome failed to make the most of the latest positive clinical trials on Retrovir, its anti-Aids treatment, ending 13p lower at 962p. Tests carried out by the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases revealed that Retrovir was superior to didanosine (ddI), its rival

Amersham International the technical sciences group. eased 1p to 602p, with news that it had been granted permission by the US Food and Drug Administration to market its Indictor radio imaging agent coming too late to benefit the shares. Indictor will be used in conjunction with a process developed by Cytogen to diagnose bowel and ovarian cancer.

The initial euphoria that gripped the stores sector earlier this week on hopes of bumper new year sales, showed signs of boiling over. There were losses for Boots, 1p to 549p, Great Universal Stores A, 7p to £17.13, Div-ons, 5p to 263p, Marks and Spencer, 4p to 328p, John Menzies, 4p to 457p, Next, 4p to 145p, Ratners, Ip to 152p, WH Smith A, 10p to 500p and Storehouse, 1p to 206p. However, there was still selective support for Kingfisher, 6p better at 589p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Dow holds firm on **Battered** Nikkei end-of-year see-saw ends year New York - Shares firmed in

WORLD MARKES

choppy late-morning activity after wiping out all early session gains. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.02 at 3,317.86. Analysts blamed the mar-

ket's erratic activity on year-end portfolio trading when money managers sell their traditional style — and with a sigh of relief. Few regretted the passing of 1992, which saw worst performers and replace the key Nikkei average plumb six-year lows and annual share them with market leaders.

☐ Frankfurt — Shares ended a quiet final trading session for 1992 little changed from Tuesday. Dealers said volume was thin, with activity mainly turnover reach its lowest total

in 17 years. The Nikkei fell 360.69 points, or nearly 3 per cent, to end Wednesday's half-day sesgeared to position-squaring. The DAX index managed to sion at 16,924.95. That is more than 6,000 points below last year's close, though well post a 2.28 point higher finish at 1,545.05. But the closing above a 77-month closing low of 14,309.41 posted on Au-

The market is closed until January 4.

with slump

TRADERS and officials of the

Tokyo Stock Exchange

clapped out the old year in

Index-linked selling battered prices as investors retreated to the sidelines. "People are certainly relieved to get 1992, the bear market's third consecutive year, behind them," said George Nimmo, a broker at SBCI Securities.

When the session ended, those left gathered for traditional rhythmic hand clapping, marking ceremonial occasions. The Nikkei index has closed the year lower than it opened it for three straight

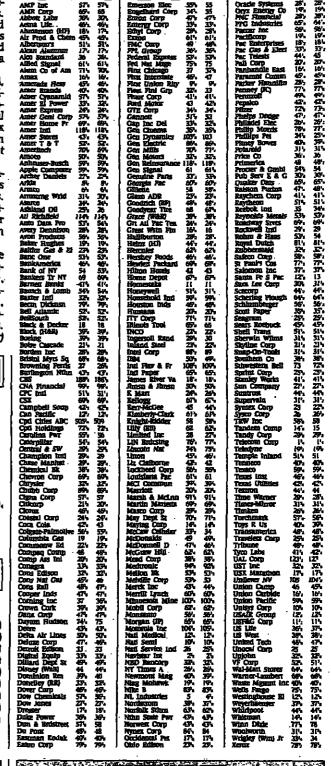
With no fresh buying incentives, technical sell programs took a heavy toll on prices. Turnover was about 90 million shares, with the broader first section Topix index down 18.72 points to 1,307.66.

The day's key decliners were shares in the fishery, warebrokerage, railway/bus, airline, miscellaneous manufacturing. pulp/paper, rubber, shipbuilding and banking sectors.

level fell short of dealers' hopes that this week would bring a year-end rally, taking the index to within a few points of last year's finish of 1,577.98. Sydney — A lethargic day's trading ended with the market dosing slightly lower. The All Ordinaries index closed 0.8 points lower at 1.538.2, off the day's high of 1.542.0. Turnover was 59.55 million shares. with 223 rises and 190 falls. ☐ Hong Kong — Equities were firmer at the close after a session of slow and featureless trade within a 40-point range. The Hang Seng index was up 23.76 at 5,467.89. (Reuter)

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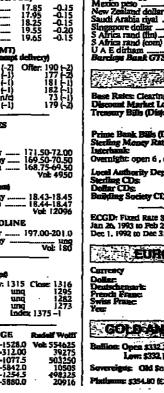


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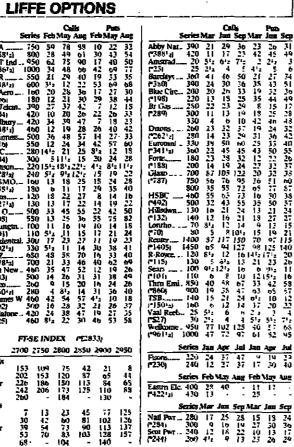
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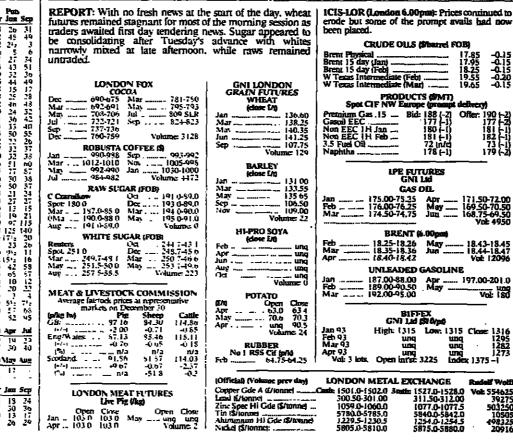
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Power to review council's care plan

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Kennedy Reasons December 171

The Children Act 1989 cmong-term plans of a local authority

The Court of Appeal so held in giving reasons for allowing, on December 10, an appeal by the guardian ad linem of three children from a decision of Judge Cocling at Parison by Gosling, at Birmingham county count, in making an order authorising Birmingham City Council to refuse to allow contact between the children and their mother. The mother supported the appeal.

Mr James Munby, QC and Miss Mhairi McNab, neither of whom appeared below, for the guardian *ad litem*: Miss Joanna Hall, who did not appear below, for the mother: Mr Peter Horrocks for the council.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that there were two girls, born on December 16, 1988 and July 3, 1990, and a boy, born on March 4, 1992.

On August 17, 1990 the two girls were left unattended and were made the subject of place of safety orders and, on August 23, interim

They returned to their mother in October but in November she again left them unattended and they were again placed with foster parents. On December 3 they were placed with their present short-term foster mother. The juvenile court made the care orders on February 4, 1991.

After the birth of the boy the council arranged for the mother to go with the baby into a residential

After the making of a care order Aner the making of a care order in respect of the boy she completed her period of assessment. She was able to leave the home with the baby and set up home with on her

From about March she had

been seeing the girls regularly and had had frequent unsupervised contact with them. She had cared for them on those visits successfully and the girls had enjoyed them. The council made their application, under section 34(4) of the Children Act 1989, in order to be able to place the girls with prospecrive adopters. The mother opposed the application and hoped that the contact might lead to rehabilita-

Section 34 of the Act provides: "(1) Where a child is in the care of a local authority, the authority shall
... allow the child reasonable contact with (a) his parents..." There was a presumption of continuing reasonable contact between the natent and the child in care unless and until a court order was made under section 34(4): "On an application made by the

tion and the return of the girls to

may make an order authorising the authority to refuse to allow contact between the child and any person who is mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (1)

Mr Horrocks submitted that section 34(1) should be read to include a provision that a court ought not to make a contact order if the effect was to undermine or if the effect was to undermine or thwart the long-term plans of the local authority charged with the responsibility for the care of the child. He relied on the Court of Appeal decision in In re S (a Minor) (Access Application) [[1991] 1 FLR 161).

Her Ludyship said that decisions based on section 12 of the Child Care Act which had been repealed might not be applicable to applica-tions under section 34 of the 1989 Act and, consequently, the decision in In re S had to be read with considerable caution.

The present position of a child whose welfare was being consid-ered under Part IV of the 1989 Act appeared to be that he would not placed in care unless the court had been satisfied that the thresh old conditions in section 31 had been met and that it was better to make a care order than not to do

made the court had no continuing child. The local authority had parental responsibility for the child under section 33(3). However,

on applications for contact.

At the moment that an application came before the court, the court had a duty to apply section I of the Act which stated that when a court determined a question with respect to the upbringing of a child, the child's welfare became the court's paramount consideration.

Consequently, the court might have the task or requiring the local authority to justify their long-term plans to the extent that those plans excluded contact between parent and child.

In her Ladyship's view, the judge was in error in not appreciating that he was able, if he thought it right, to have another look at the mother as a possible future carer and to give appropriate directions for assessments to be made. His conclusion that his hands were tied vitiated his exercise of discretion and his decision could not stand. Their Lordships therefore had to be assessed as the potential carer of

Her Ladyship had come to the dear conclusion that not to investigate her potential as the carer of the three children would be unfair

Lord Justice Kennedy agreed. Solicitors: Young & Lee, Birmingham: Hall-Wright & Birks, Birmingham; Mr Stewart Dobson, Birmingham.

Solicitor's duty to beneficiary

Keeskemeti v Rubens Rabin & Co Before Mr Justice Macoherson of

Cluny [Judgment November 16] A solicitor could owe a duty of care to a beneficiary named in a will in

respect of advice given to a testator Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when giving judgment for the plaintiff, Charles Andreas Kesskemen, against Rubens Ra-bin & Co. that the company owed a duty of care to the plaintiff in respect of advice given to Charles Kesskement who had made a fresh will in 1981 revoking his earlier will made in 1974.

The executors of the 1981 will were Mr Stanley Rubens of Ru-bens Rabin & Co and another solicitor from a different firm, who was never the testator's legal

The beneficiaries were the testator's second wife, Eva, and the testator's son by his first wife, the plaintiff. The dispute revolved around two properties and their proceeds of sale.

The testator's intention was that when those properties were sold, the plaintiff should receive half of the proceeds of sale. However, when the will was made those properties were held as joint ten-ancies by the testator and his second wife so that when the both of the properties passed on to Eva by way of survivorship. Mr Bankim Thanki for the plaintiff; Mrs Teresa R. Peacocke for the defendants.

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JUSTICE MAC-PHERSON said that the question was whether the defendants owed a duty of care to the plaintiff which could give rise to hability in negligence without there being any reliance by him upon the solicitor or his advice.
Unless the case had been overruled or overtaken by other authorities, the law was as set out

in Ross v Caunters (1980) Ch 297). That decision had been subject to criticism.

What had become of Ross v Caunters as a result of the decision of the House of Lords in Murphy v Brentwood District Council

[1991] I AC 398)?
Mrs Peacocke submitted that that decision sounded the death knell of Ross v Caunters and that the decision of Mr Justice Turner in White and Another v Jones and Others (unreported, October 18, 1990) sealed its demise and should

Mrs Peacocke said, in effect, that Ross v Caunters was not good law and that his Lordship should

His Lordship did not accept those propositions. It was perfectly true that Murphy had overruled District Council (11972) 1 OB

v Merton Borough Council [1978] AC 728]. His Lordship discussed Puniab

National Bank v De Boinville and Others [1992] 1 Lloyd's Rep 7) and Caparo Industries ptc v Dickman (1990] AC 605) and said that, as Dorset Yachr Co Ltd v Home Office [[1970] AC 1004) and other cases had shown, the law of negligence was incremental.

His Lordship did not believe that the House of Lords intended in Murphy to do more than knock out the type of case, of which there had been many, illustrated by

Otherwise, why should Lord Oliver refer to Ross v Caunters without any evident disapproval? Similarly, in Punjab National Bank v De Boinville. The present case was a classic

example of a situation where the relationship was profilmate and where it was fair, just and reason-able that the law should impose a duty of a given scope upon the one party for the benefit of the other.

His Lordship was referred to a most useful passage in Rupert M. Jackson and John L. Powell's Professional Negligence (3rd edition (1992) pp317-326).

The authors examined the relevant material including the deficient of the contract including the deficient of the contract of the contra vant cases, including the decision of Mr Justice Turner in White and

concluded that, in spite of recent developments: "Ross v Caunters is Mr Thanki relied upon that at present subject to appeal but, in his Lordship's judgment, there were important factual differences

between his case and the instant case which might well justify the White decision which should not interfere with his Lordship's de-cision in favour of the plaintiff in

The great factual divide between the position of the plaintiff in Ross v Caunters from that of the plaintiffs in White was at the heart of Mr Justice Turner's decision and not, in his Lordship's judg-ment, a wholesale rejection of the decision in Ross v Caunters.

His Lordship did not accept Mrs Pracocke's broad assertion that if there was a duty in this case then such a duty must be owed gen-erally to beneficiaries, whatever the circumstances and however far in the future they may be identifiable. Ross v Caunters defined a limited area within which a solicitor might be liable to persons who were not

Independing classes of potential beneficiaries, or where there might be conflict, were different and had to be individually

considered. Accordingly, in the circum-stances of the present case the defendants did owe a duty of care to the plaintiff when advising the testator in 1981. Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson:

Widow's coal concession not a voluntary payment

authority or the child, the court

Regina v Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council and Another, Ex parte Boulton Before Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment December 11] Payments made to a miner's widow by British Coal in lieu of concessionary coal were not voluntary payments which could be disregarded in the calculation of housing and community charge benefit under Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1971) and Schedule 3 to the Community Charge Benefit (General) Regula-

tions (SI 1989 No 1321). Mr Justice Laws so held in the Queen's Bench Division rejecting an application by Frances Alice Boulton for judicial review of a decision by a review board of Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council to confirm the council's alculation of her benefit.

Paragraph 13(1) of the 1987 Regulations provided that subject to certain exceptions the calculation of income for housing benefit purposes shall disregard "... £10.00 of any charitable payment or of any voluntary payment made or due to be made at regular intervals. The 1989 Regulations contained a similar provision for the calculation of community

charge benefit. Mr Jan Luba for the ac Mr Timothy Straker for Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council; Mr John Howell for the Secretary of State for Social Security.

MR JUSTICE LAWS said the applicant was the widow of a miner who used to receive nine tons of free coal a year. After his death in 1971 she had received In 1981 she had moved into

gas-heated council accommoda-tion and had since received cash

Borough Council, Ex parte

Autistic twins who were severely

mentally handicapped and

boarded at a school in East Sussex

were ordinarily resident at their parents home in Redbridge for the

purposes of the National Assis-

Health Service Act 1977 until the

parents sold it and moved to

Nigeria. They did not remain ordinarily resident in Redbridge

Mr Justice Ports so held in the

once their parents had left.

East Sussex County Council

She was entitled to housing and community charge benefit which were calculated taking into ac-count the payment in lieu. In November 1990 she had sought to have her assessment reviewed. Her assessment was upheld both by the council's officers and by a review

The board had decided against the applicant essentially on the footing that the payments were not voluntary because the applicant as administratrix could enforce her husband's contractual entitlement to the coal on the principle in Beswick v Beswick ([1968] AC 58). In his Lordship's view, the board had not had before it sufficient material to permit it to decide the case on that basis.

He would proceed on the basis that the applicant was paid under the provisions of successive national agreements between British Coal and the National Union of Mineworkers and that she had no private law claim to the money.

Lord Halsbury in Overseers of ff18961 AC 296) had distinguished two different senses of the word something done under compulsion: but ... also ... the obtaining or giving of something without

sensible legislative number. House ing and community charge benefit were income-related and the broad intention was that they should be

Residence of handicapped twins

December 8 dismissing an

application from East Sussex

County Council for judicial review

of a decision by the London

Borough of Redbridge refusing to

HIS LORDSHIP said the twins

were born in Nigeria in 1972. Ten

years later the parents had brought

them to Britain and placed them at a residential school in East Sussex.

sible as local education authority. When the school closed in 1989.

East Sussex had been obliged to

make emergency provision under the 1948 and 1977 Acts. By then

accept responsibility for the twins.

payments of £360 a year in lieu of such by the level of their income. The relevant schedules took out of the calculation of income sums in the recipient's hands which would otherwise (all within it. The presence of each disregard was surely to be accounted for on the footing that it was created for some

rational and identifiable purpose. His Lordship could discern no sensible purpose in according a disregard to any regular payment which happened not to be legally enforceable. Charitable payments were to be disregarded so that bodies which provided charitable funds for the disadvantaged should be assured that their intended beneficiaries obtained the full fruits of their charity.

The effect of the regulations specifying both charitable and oluntary payments was to enable payments which were not made for the payer's own benefit to be brought within the scope of the disregard without the need to make fine distinctions between charitable and non-charitable

payments. The question whether a payment was voluntary was to be judged by looking at the volunteer not the recipient. The question was not whether the payee had any legal rights, but rather what the nature of the payment was from

His Lordsh employees. As a matter of law the within the meaning of the relevant

Solicitors: Mr Russell Campbell, Croydon: Sharpe Pritchard: Solicitor. Department of Social Security.

the parents had returned to

R v Waltham Forest London

Borough Council. Ex parte Vale

(The Times February 25, 1985)

was so mentally handicapped that

she was totally dependent on a

parent or guardian her ordinary

residence was that of the parent or

But his Lordship was unable to

accept that the twins remained ordinarily resident in Redbridge

once their parents had left. The fact

Nigeria.

Confiscation order provisions are not retrospective

In re B Before Mr Justice Schiemann

(Judgment November 30) As section 16 of the Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 was not retrospec tive in effect an application could not be made under that section to vary a confiscation order made under the Drug Trafficking Of-fences Act 1986 prior to the 1990 Act coming into force, namely July

Mr Justice Schlemann so held in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by the receiver under section 16 of the 1990 Act to vary the confiscation

On January 26, 1990 prior to the enactment of the 1990 Act, the trial judge determined, pursuant to section 1(2) of the 1986 Act, that B had benefited from drug traffick-ing and he assessed the value of B's proceeds of his drug trafficking as being £595,519.91. B disputed his

ability to pay.

The judge determined that the amount that might be realised at time was £287.603.29 and a confiscation order was made for

Most of that amount had been paid by July 1, 1990 when section 16 had come in force.

Justices must

Act to set in train processes which would increase the amount Character of the

account in making the confiscation

Hinton, solicitor, as amicus curiae.

said that the application raised a

point of general importance: namely whether the powers con-

tained in section 16 of the 1990

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN

certificate to that effect..."

THE PRESIDENT said that the justices had erred when they

1989 Act applied. The refusal to made the order in the terms sought did not afford any

The appeal would be allowed and the court would substitute an order that the lather make periodi-

ordered to be paid by virtue of a confiscation order made under the since been paid, it became appar-ent that B had on January 26, 1986 Act, could be used in 1990 and had now further realisable assets of which the court circumstances where the original confiscation order was made bein January 1990 knew nothing. Section 16 of the 1990 Act provides: "(1) This section has fore section 16 came into force. Section 16 of the 1990 Act did not clearly on the face of the statute

effect where by virtue of section 4(3) of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (insufficient apply to a confiscation order made before that section came into force on July 1, 1991. The section was realisable property) the amount ambiguous on that point. which a person is ordered to pay by His Lordship rejected Mr Mitchell's submission that the a confiscation order is less than the amount assessed to be the value of Crown had any proprietary rights his proceeds of drug trafficking. in the proceeds of drug trafficking either before or after the making of "(2) If on application ... the High Court is satisfied that the

a confiscation order. The effect of a amount that might be realised in confiscation order was not as such the case of the person in question is to deprive the defendant of title to greater than the amount taken into any of his assets. His position was that he had been ordered to pay and must pay upon pain of imprisonment. If he order (whether it was greater than was thought when the order was made or has subsequently indid not pay and served his term of imprisonment nobody had any creased) the court shall issue a Mr Andrew Mitchell for the confiscation order did not fasten receiver: Mr Timothy Sewell for the defendant: Mr Martin on to after-acquired assets such as a

football pool win, a legacy or earnings acquired independently of drug dealing. Nor was there anything which gave rise to a right in the Crown to institute civil or criminal proceedings where the criminal used his football pool win to pay off the debt he did so he could keep the notes given to him by the addict. His Lordship also rejected the submission that the change made by the 1990 Act was merely procedural. Prior to the coming into force of section 16 the defen-dant was undoubtedly not liable to

be ordered to pay more than the amount specified in the confiscation order and he was correlative free to do what he liked with any of his assets not required to pay the outstanding balance on his confiscation order. If Mr Mitchell's construction.

was right, then the defendant, upon the coming into force of the section, became liable to be ordered to pay extra sums and correlatively lost his freedom to do what he liked with his assets; moreover, he became liable to be imprisoned if he did not pay the extra sums. That was no procedural matter.

Mr Hinton pointed out that the defendant in the instant case had been given a long term of imprisonment and opined that Parliament had manifestly intended wicked drug traffickers to be relieved of the value of whatever were the proceeds of their drug trafficking.

His Lordship said that that was not entirely so. It did not apply to pre-1986 defendants nor did it Central Confiscation Unit.

apply to other deceitful defendants who had been ordered to pay the same as the amount which was. erroneously, assessed to be the value of their proceeds of drug trafficking. However wicked the dealers, those categories were not caught by this legislation.

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There did not seem to his Lordship to be a difference in the wickedness of the drug dealer who misrepresented the value of his proceeds of drug trafficking and the dealer who misrepresented the amount of his realisable prpoerty. Although in the present case the two were interconnected that would not necessarily be the case. The 1986 Act was retrospective save in relation to those against whom proceedings had been commenced. However its retrospectivity was explicit. That

was not the case in relation to the There was nothing in the long title of the 1990 Act or in the wording of its section to lead one to suppose that the Act was intended to be retrospective in the sense of altering the position of those who had already been sentenced and his Lordship was not prepared so to construe it.

The application failed. Solicitors: Sears Blok. Camberwell: Lawrence Graham: CPS.

make an anything being obtained in reaccept that British Coal got nothturn". There was no presumption ing back from the payments. It had in favour of either meaning as a order accused entered into the national agreematter of ordinary language since ment in the interests of good ordinary language embraced both. labour relations, so as better to If the word in the regulations Regina v Shaw was construed in the first sense it secure the willing services of its It was incumbent upon justices

when invited to make a periodical payments order under Schedule 1 to the Children Act 1989 in favour of a child which would embody an agreement by the father to pay \$20 a week, then justices should make the order sought. Such an order was of benefit to the child in case of future difficulties and also had a useful tax effect.

Sir Stephen Brown. President of the Family Division. so stated on December 2 when allowing an appeal by the mother from the Hull Justices who had made no order on the application.

concluded that section 1(5) of the

cal payments of £20 a week to the

Where there were two defendants, one of good character and one with previous convictions, following R v Gibson ((1991) 93 Cr App R 9) it was usually advisable for the judge to say little, if anything, about the good character of the one, but if that one did insist on a full direction as to his or her good character it was difficult to see how that could be refused, even though it might lead to the necessity for separate trials even at that late

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nolan, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Ward) so stated on November 20 in allowing an appeal by Deborah Ann Shaw against her conviction at Birmingham Crown Court (Judge Wilson and a jury) of burglary. MR JUSTICE OWEN said that

credibility was an important fea-ture of the case and it could hardly be doubted that the judge should have referred to the positive evidence of the appellant's good

Different department ordered to re-engage employee

Before Mr Justice Tucker, Mr D. G. Davies and Ms M. Exley [Judgment December 4]

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal upheld by a majority (Mr Justice Tucker dissenting) a de-cision of an industrial tribunal to order the Department of Health to re-engage a disabled derical assistant who at the time of her dismissal was an employee of the Department of Social Security. because the premises of the Department of Health were within the limits of her travelling ability whereas the Department of Social

The majority of the appeal tribunal dismissed an appeal by the Department of Health from a tribunal in November 1991, that the applicant, Mrs Margaret Bruce, who had been unfairly dismissed by the Department of Social Security should be re-en-gaged by the Department of Health.

The grounds of appeal were that there was no jurisdiction to order the Department of Health to reengage the applicant who had been an employee of the Department of Social Security since the Department of Health was not the applicant's employer nor a successor of her employer nor an asso-ciated employer within the meaning of section 69(4) of the

Department of Health v Employment Protection joined as a respondent at the industrial tribunal could have joined as a respondent at the industrial tribunal on the basis that the Civil ordered re-engagement given the practical difficulties of finding suitable employment.

> Lord Meston for the Department of Health and the Denartment of Social Security; Mrs Bruce MR JUSTICE TUCKER said that the applicant started employ-

Health and Social Security in She subsequently suffered a stroke which left her seriously disabled and for substantial periods between June 1988 and May 1990 she was off work because of

back pain. In 1989 the department split into two: the Department of Health and the Department of Social Security. In April 1989 the applicant was formally advised that her employer was the Department of Social Security. In Febmany 1990 she was given notice of cory retirement on the eround of ill health.

The applicant made a claim of unfair dismissal seeking re-engagement and naming the Department of Social Security as her employer. Surprisingly, the department did not contest the allegation of unfair dismissal but said that it was unable to re-engage the applicant and made an offer of compensation which she refused.
The Department of Health was

Service was one inalienable whole and not a series of separate legal

Two issues arose: whether the industrial tribunal could require a government department to reengage an applicant who was never employed by that depart-ment and whether, even if there was power, the industrial tribunal was right to order it.

The appeal tribunal were divided on both issues. The lay members took the view that the industrial tribunal was em-powered to make the order against the Department of Health. Although the appeal tribunal were unanimous in their view that the industrial tribunal was wrong in law to hold that the Civil Service was one inalienable whole, the lay

departments were operating closely with one another in relation to the employment of staff and that they should be considered as one department for that purpose. The lay members felt that the close and unusual link between the Department of Social Security and the Department of Health at the time of the unfair dismissal warranted an order for re-engagement by the Department of Health.

. The appeal would be dismissed and leave to appeal granted.

majority considered that the two

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Health. Unsigned statement admissible

Regina v MacGillivary Before Lord Justice Warkins, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Tucker

(Judgment December [1] Where a person had been injured and died before the trial but after having made a statement to a police officer recorded contemporaneously by him, that was a statement made by that person in a document and was admissible under section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 if it was signed by the deceased. It was also admissible if the deceased had clearly

indicated by speech or otherwise that the record was accurate, he that the record was accurate, he being unable to sign the record owing to some physical disability.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Charles MacGillivary against his conviction in March 1990 at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Denison, QC and a

Section 23 of the 1988 Act

provides: "(1) . . . a statement made effect would be quashed. by a person in a document shall be admissible in criminal proceed-ings as evidence of any fact of which direct oral evidence by him (a) ... the person who made the

statement is dead. . . Mr Michael Self, QC and Mr Martin Wynne Jones, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Victor Temple for the Crown.
LORD JUSTICE WATKINS,

giving the judgment of the court, said that before he died in hospital the deceased had made a state-ment to the police. He said that he was in his flat and heard a noise at the front door. He noticed the door was wet from the letterbox down and he smelt petrol. He opened the door and saw the

appellant facing it holding a large capless bottle. The appellant squeezed the bottle, covering the deceased with liquid, threw a match and the deceased went up in At the trial there was argument

as to the admissibility of that statement. At the voir dire the judge heard evidence from a muse who was present throughout the interview. She had heard what the deceased said, saw the police officer take it down in writing and read it back to the deceased who was unable to sign it owing to the severity of his burns.

The judge ruled that the state-ment was admissible under section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and he saw fit to exercise his

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On appeal, Mr Self submitted that that document was not in fact a document made by the deceased as it was neither written nor signed as it was neather written nor signed by him. It was made by the investigating officer and was in-admissible under the provisions of section 23. He also argued that the judge did not have in mind the right principles in exercising his distretion under section 26 of the 1988 Act to admit the document.

1988 Act to admit the document The Court did not agree. The index was motivated to exercise his discretion as he did because the interests of justice demanded the statement should be before the jury. There were other matters in evidence which tended to support the statement of the deceased; it did not stand alone.

The judge had made a careful assessment of the damage the statement might do and in summing up warned the jury most emphanically about the dangers of emphatically about the dangers of accepting the statement without very mature consideration of all the other matters which had to be taken into accept the day to taken into account by them before they came to a condusion. Solicitors: CPS, Central Courts.

Judge cannot order stay instead of not guilty verdict tion had arisen when the trial was tion to review a decision that a trial within the test in Sampson. defendant who had been acquitted

Regina v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Spens Before Lord Justice Glidewell and

Mr Justice Hidden iJudgment November 27i Section 17 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 was merely a mechanism enabling a judge to enter a verdica of not guilty without empanelling a jury and did not give the judge a discretion to order a permanent stay of criminal proceedings in-stead of entering a verdict of not guilty. The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held quashing a decision of Mr Justice Henry, taken at the trial of Lord Spens and Roger Seelig on charges arising from the takeover of Distillers plc by Guinness plc. that he had a discretion under section 17 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 to order a permanent stay of the indictment against Lord Spens, rather than enter a verdict of not guilty, following the prosecution's decision not to offer any evidence.

The court also dismissed an application for an order of certio-rari to quash Mr Justice Henry's refusal to order that Lord Spens' costs incurred before trial and the grant of legal aid should be paid Mr Andrew Collins, QC, Mr David Hood and Mr Simon

Gloster, QC, for the Serious Fraud JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the situa-

Stafford-Michael for Lord Spens; Mr Michael Beloff, QC, for the Lord Chancellor, Miss Elizabeth

aborted on the sixty-ninth day after Mr Seelig suffered what was described as a catastrophic mental breakdown under the strain of

After hearing psychiatric evidence the judge discharged the jury with regard to both defendants. At that stage of the trial most of the prosecution evidence had related to Mr Seelig. The Attorney-General entered a noile prosequi to stay all proceednote prosequi to stay an proceed-ings against Mr Seelig without a verdict being entered and the prosecution decided not to offer-further evidence against Lord Spens. The judge rejected Lord Spens' application that a verdict of

Spens' application for payment of his pre-trial costs out of central funds. The first question was whether the Divisional Court had jurisdic-

not guilty be entered under section 17 of the 1967 Act and instead

ordered a permanent stay of the

tion to oversee and quash either or both of the orders.

The Divisional Court's jurisdiction was controlled by section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 which excluded jurisdiction over the crown court's "jurisdiction in maners relating to trials on

That section had been construed

by the House of Lords in In re Smalley (1985) AC 622. 643) as

meaning "an order affecting the conduct of the trial" and in In re

Sampson ([1987] | WLR 195.

199) the House had held that the Divisional Court had no jurisdic-

after a crown court trial should costs because that decision con-cerned "an integral part of the trial

Applying those tests the courts, from the Divisional Court to the House of Lords, had distinguished between challenges to orders in two relevant categories: I An order of the crown court that a prosecution was "not to be proceeded with without the leave of the court" which left open the prospect of a future trial and was therefore an order which the High

Court could not review: see R v

Presson Crown Court. Ex parte Frazer ((1989) Crim LR 64) and R v Central Criminal Court, Exparte Raymond ((1986) 83 Cr App R 2 A stay of proceedings on the grounds of abuse of process which is not concerned with the conduct the trial": see R v Central Criminal Court. Ex parte Randle (1991) ! WLR 1087) and R v Norwich Crown Court, Ex parte Belsham (1992) 1 WLR 54).

His Lordship could see no logical distinction between the refusal to order that Lord Spens's costs be paid out of public funds and the order in Sampson. Lord Spens's costs. although incurred for work done before the hearing of the trial before the jury commenced, were still incurred in preparation for that hearing and there was in every sense a "trial" which lasted for 69 days.

The costs were incurred as an integral part of the process of that

His Lordship therefore con-cluded that Mr Justice Henry's order regarding costs was ex-ercised in his jurisdiction in a matter relating to trial on indictment and the Divisional Court had no power to interfere with that

The jurisdiction of the court to oversee the order staying further prosecution was a different situation. The clear effect of the order was to remove any chance of the prosecution of Lord Spens on the charges proceeding again and was in accordance with the distinction made by Lord Justice Watkins in Reisham and Randle between a stay and an order "not to proceed

without leave". It was true that in the decided cases on stay the order to stay was made before the trial process before a jury began, whereas here there had been an abonive trial; but if that were to make an effective difference the jurisdiction of the court would rest on mere semantics.

The judge's order was intended

to prevent there being any trial of Lord Spens on those charges in

future. It was therefore not an

order which was concerned with the conduct of such a trial. Applying the test from Smalley following Randle and Belsham the Divisional Court did have power to oversee the order. In his Lordship's judgment the judge was wrong concerning sec-tion 17. That section was merely a piece of machinery to enable a

judge instead of a jury to enter a verdict of not guilty where the

prosecution offered no evidence. It gave the judge no discretion to adopt some other different course however much he might think it right to do so. The decision of the House of

Lords in Connelly v DPP ([1964]

AC 1254) did provide a founda-tion for ordering a stay of prosecution as an abuse of process. But it did not assist where such a stay was ordered contrary to the wishes of All reported cases hitherto were cases where the application to stay was made by the defence because of an allegation that to proceed would in some way be unfair and thus an abuse of process. What was the abuse in the instant case which

required the stay? The prosecution decided to offer no evidence, a decision which was perfectly proper. They were willing to accept the normal result of taking that course, a verdict of not

Abuse of process was the essen-

tial foundation of the court's power

that fournation of the court's power to stay a prosecution.

If after the prosecution in the instant case had offered no evidence, a verdict of not guilty had been entered his Lordship could not see that that would have been an abuse of process. an abuse of process. It followed that the judge had had no power to order the perma-

Mr Justice Hidden delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Garstangs. Bolton; Treasury Solicitor, Serious Fraud

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PUBLISHING page 28 Madonna: her book Sex, condemned by some, was among the biggest

successes of 1992

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Winston Churchill at the time of the Archangel fiasco in 1919. Norman Stone on a new study



CINEMA: the gloss is new, but Geoff Brown finds A Few Good Men old-fashioned

Courting always stays in style

lthough their visual sheen may be stag-gering, and their computer technology breaks new frontiers with special effects, when it comes to scripts and stories Hollywood's movies have barely left the Stone Age. A Few Good Men (Odeon West End, 15) is as cocky and gleaming as its stars, Tom Cruise and Demi Moore, a film that begins as it means to proceed with a dazzling parade-ground ballet of marines at drill, guns lowered and raised like chorus girls' legs. Yet what lies behind these fireworks, the pin-ups strut-ting in tight-fitting naval uni-forms? Just an old countroom drama, no more, no less, with interrogations and histrionics that would be quite at home in The Caine Mutiny or the innumerable cases of Perry

As a first-time writer, Aaron Sorkin earns no prizes for originality. But he delivers familiar goods with a flourish.

The script was first mounted on Broadway, Tom Hulce took the lead as Kaffee, an inexperienced, glib Navy lawyer suffering from the Famous Father Complex, who is appointed to defend two marines accused of murdering a platoon weakling. The sets were spare; the chief props. tables and chairs.

Hollywood, and director Rob Reiner, saw the potential immediately. Out went Hulce; in came Cruise, America's most affable heart-throb, and a good enough actor to bring off the legal jousting or the smouldering badinage with Demi Moore, the shapeliest of special defence counsel.

In place of bare tables and chairs, in came a well-contrived backdrop of Washing-ton monuments, baseball practice, and flying visits to the Cuba base where the black deed was done. In came Jack



The defence counsel in informal consultation: Demi Moore and Tom Cruise in Rob Reiner's film version of Aaron Sorkin's A Few Good Men

stealing his few scenes as the gimlet-eyed colonel manning the bulwarks against Castro, who gave the accused leave to punish the victim through a do-it-yourself disciplinary action known in the services as a

Sorkin's script carries a heavy freight: there is much

talk about God, country and codes of honour. But Hollywood works its own alchemy. Any serious concerns get gobbled up by the spectacle of stars on parade, dressed to kill. For this is a film where clothes speak volumes. The government prosecution, anxious to hide the "Code Red" business,

dress in unbecoming khaki or combat green. The defence, by contrast, are breathtaking mannequins, lovingly dothed in crisp all-whites or deep navy blue enriched with gold braid. So attired, Cruise and Moore win their case even before they open their mouths: Yet even this surface gloss

Colombe's eldest daughter (easy enough when she is Anne Brochef), and the glitter-

ing prizes of Louis XIV's court.

Each time Marais appears, he

wears more brocade, more

linstick, brooches and bows.

Yet the film's heart lies in

intimate affairs: the mysteries

of the creative process, be-

reavement, the ties between

Departien the younger

makes a creditable debut.

master and pupil.

carries a subliminal message. Right from the opening shot of the marine corps' succulently polished shoes, this is a film seduced by America's defence establishment, like Tom Cruise's earlier venture, the odious Top Gun. Cruise's young pup of a lawyer may strike a maverick blow at the

establishment, but the system still stands proudly: it is only Jack Nicholson's grungy outpost at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, that lets down the Stars and Stripes. Impressively acted all down the line, and directed with much quiet skill. A Few Good Men is a devilishly seductive entertainment.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Good intentions are not enough

The film crew responsi-ble for last night's Channel 4 documentary. A House for Pele, committed what is supposed to be the unpardonable sin. They be-came involved with their subjects, a family of street people living rough at Copacabana in Brazil, and decided to inter-

vene in their lives.

They had a whip-round, collected enough to buy a tiny house in a shum settlement, and gave it to Pele, his woman, and their two children. To be honest, the recipients did not appear especially delighted. They moved in pottered around, held a barbecue, sang a song with their friends, and acquired a few sticks of furniture. But they never settled. and were soon back on the

Good intentions had once again proved blind. But if the crew's generosity did nothing else, it transformed their film from a self-indulgent meander into something altogether more cogent. For half an hour Pele and his pals had been muttering that all they needed was somewhere to live: given a home, they quickly proved that their life on the streets was not the result of misfortune alone.

The film made a good pair with one broadcast a few months ago about a homeless woman who lives near Embankment Tube station in London. She too had had her chances, but opted in the end for the street life. Perhaps the homeless are so damaged that they can no longer handle good fortune; or perhaps difficult for the well-meaning to imagine — they just prefer living the way they do and should be left alone to do it. Certainly Pele seemed a survivor. His family washed

on the flower beds along the

beach, and emerged shining clean, as the poor of Latin America so often and so

their clothes under a fire hydrant, laid them out to dry

A House for Pele Channel 4

astonishingly manage to do. They looked wholesome, and protected their two infants with a fierce pride, sleeping on top of them like birds for fear they would be stolen in the night.

They made a living hus-

tling, washing cars, doing odd jobs and stealing when all else failed. "We're 'run-afters'." said one of Pele's friends. "We run after any work, anything to get money to keep clean and buy clothes. We're not beg-gars, we're sufferers." They told sad tales of their misfortunes, and went with quiet dignity when the police rounded them up, stuck them in a bus, and took them off to a remote corner of the city. The local middle-class disdained them: one woman snapped that the babies should be taken away and adopted, and their parents "castrated".

Pele's friends knew as soon as he moved into his tiny house, with pretty tile roof, that it would not work. The family found they could not sleep indoors. The neighbours, sensitive to the fine gradations of poverty, resented street people moving into their slum. There was a suggestion that the previous owner had sent in heavies to frighten the family away, or that Pele had let a prostitute use the house.

Whatever the reason, the newly-housed were soon back on the streets, and not even together any longer. One child died, and the couple separated. Grim as it sounds, this was a lightly-handled look at poverty. One of a season which continues tonight and tomorrow night under the rubric "One Family", it drew its pictures in a few swift strokes: not profound, but telling.

NIGEL HAWKES

The French have a word for it

the lure of French cinema remains constant. Compared to the ham-fisted, tongue-tied English, French film characters know supremely well how to talk intelligently, make love and contemplate their navels. Look at Eric Rohmer. He has built an entire ocuvre out of loquacious, self-absorbed people toying with moral, religious or romantic choices. Yet they never live in a vacuum: you come away smelling pungent black coffee, the state air of the Paris Métro, or the ocean

spray on a summer beach. A Winter's Tale, second in his new cycle "Les Quatres Saisons", comes close to his best. In its density of talk, this rivals his films of the late Sixties. The higher-flown words come from Loic, a librarian, head lost in books. But Rohmer's no-nonsense heroine, Parisian hairdresser Félicie, also talks her head off, as her heart hesitates between the intellectual Loic, her burly bourgeois boss Maxence, and the long-lost man of her dreams (father of her five-yearold daughter).

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A Winter's Tale Chelsea Cinema, Renoir, 12 Tous les Matins du Monde Curzon Mayfair, Screen on the Hill, 12 Labyrinth of Passion Metro

Artaud season National Film Theatre

daughter (Ava Loraschi), who with few complaints accompanies her mother's quest from her parental nook to Loic's apartment to Maxence's new business in Nevers.

Rohmer, 73 next April, assembles his tale with an old master's ease, cumningly lacing the realistic surface with hints, then eruptions, of magic. Here Shakespeare's own Winter's Tale comes into play. Watching the scene where Hermione's statue comes to life, Félicie becomes newly convinced that her dream man will return from nowhere to warm her frozen heart. Rohmer keeps us waiting too long for the resolution; but we willingly wait as the pageant of life passes by.

Rohmer's art has always been for connoisseurs. Tous les Matins du Monde would seem equally aimed at small. devoted audiences. Characters wear long wigs and play the viola da gamba; the film resurrects the life and music of Marin Marais and his hermit teacher. Sainte-Colombe, in the days of Louis XIV.

Yet the French public have already queued in large numbers. Initially they were attracted by the thought of Gérard Depardieu (he plays the older Marais), and the film debut of his son Guillaume (Marais the young blade). But word of mouth spread: this was a film with a magic atmosphere, a button-holing performance by Jean-Pierre Marielle as Sainte-Colombe, and music of grave beauty (played on the soundtrack by Jordi Savall and other specialists). At France's annual cinema awards, Tous les Matins scooped up seven Césars, including Best Film, Best Director, Music and Photography.

near, came to local prominence with urban thrillers. Here there are no squealing cars, or even sedan chairs; the lessons learned in sustaining tension are now applied to relationships. Precocious Marais becomes a pupil of the mor-ose Sainte-Colombe, who grieves for his lost wife. Worldly temptations rupture their bond: Marais falls for Sainte-

while his father emnowers the older Marais with his usual strength. But the face that haunts this magical, melancholy film belongs to Jean-Pierre Marielle as Sainte-Colombe, the proud but humble recluse who exists only to transmute his pain into aching notes for the viola da gamba. Tous les Matins, written by Pascal Ouignard, photographed largely in sombre shadows and candlelight, could easily have become an airless museum piece. But Corneau and his team craft a living lament for lost love and high ideals: a film to touch the The director, Alain Cor-

ny the National Film Theatre for French cinema's past, in the January season of films blessed by the stark, penetrating features in Artand — actor, theoretician, progenitor of the Theatre of Cruelty. In the Twenties he thought cinema "more exciting than phosphorus, more captivating than love", and devised outlandish scenarios, such as The Sea-shell and the Clergyman. By the Thirties, after a few acting chores too many, his passion had turned to disgust. Yet he worked with many gifted directors: Dreyer, most memorably, in The Passion of Joan of Arc; with Gance, Lang, and Marcel L'Herbier in L'Argent, an extraordinary exercise in

high style.
Artaud apart, curiosity seekers must rest content with the measty rewards of Pedro Almodóvar's Labyrinth of Passion, his second feature, made in 1982. The script rounds up sex-crazed damsels: a deposed Arab emperor's son. and a gynaecologist who prac-tises artificial insemination on budgies. It is hollow stuff, raw juvenilia from a director still to find his feet.

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Like many Rohmer girls. Félicie, petulant and dithery. hardly courts sympathy. But Rohmer has a precious knack unknown actresses sparkle. Tight-faced Charlotte Véry is the beneficiary here, though in many scenes the emotional weight rests with Félicie's



Félicie (Charlotte Véry) and Loic (Hervé Furic) in Eric Rohmer's A Winter's Tale

<u>LONDON</u>

THE ADVENTURES OF MR BROUCEIC Engash National Opera's new Janacek production has fine performences from Graham Clark, Vivier Temper, and Graham Clark, Vivier parformances from Graham Clark, Vivien Tierney and Bonsventura Bottone, beautiful orchestral playing, and exemplary conducting from Sir Charles Mackenas; but David Pountiney's staging, paing in-joke upon in-joke, suffers from an excess of invention and a refuctance to left this quirky and appealing piece operate for 8self. Collisieum, Si Month's Lane, WCZ (071-836 3161). Tongitu. 6pm. TRAVELLING OPERA: Peter Knamo

and his energetic touring company and at the South Bank with their fively vorsion of Don Pasquale (with the hero as a modern Tuscan fitness freak looking for a wile). Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Toroghi, 7.45pm

JOAN MORRIS AND WILLIAM BOLCOM. The mezo soprano sings songs by George Genshwin, Jerome Kein, Iving Berlin, Richard Rodgers and Cole Poter in a programme entitled 100 Years of Classic American Popular

Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141) Tonight, 7 30pm. (University 2014); I chingre, 7 supre.
BEACON EUROPE DAY: The
Barbican calebrates the coming of the
single European market with a day of
concers by the European Community
Beroque Orchestra, playing tavourities
by Purcet, Avison, Telemann, Bach and
Handel (St. Glies Church, Chipplegate,
3pm); the London Symphony Orchestra
traditional Vienness New Year Izer

☐ AMPHIBIANS: Superb ensemble playing in Billy Roche's robust elegy for a fishing community in Westord. The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-

Arthrite GET YOUR GUN: Irving
Berlin's pre-feminist musical is no model
for a Nineties woman but the songs are

stripty smashing. **Prince of Wates**, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5987) Tues-Set, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm, 160mms.

SL ASSASSINS: Sondheim's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that cities no-hopers to kill American Presidents. Dommar Werehouse, Eartham Street, WC2 (1771-967 1150) Mon-Sat, 7:30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Spm. 105mins (closed New Year's day)

BARNUM: Enjoyable Christmas treat, with Paul Nicholas walling the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.

Dominison, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mms

E CARCUSEL: Joanna Riding and

Michael Hayden star in a trumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein larground musical. Matteral (Lythelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mais Tues, Sat, 2.15pm 180mms.

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS Inn

Judge's sublimely furny production, with award-winning Deamond Barnt playing both portly twens. Barblean, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Today-Sat. Mon, Tues, 7 15pm, met Sal, 2pm, 145mms.

☐ CYRANO DE BÉRGERAC: Robert

Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is

ion busting to give enough room to the full pognancy of his late. Thesire Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mats-Wed

☐ GRACE: Anna Massey and James

Laurenson in nicely acted but superficial play about televangelists in Yorkshire. Hempsteed, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, 4pm. 150mms.

HAY FEVER: Very funny performances (not atways where you

◆ THE BODYGUARD (15): Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who talls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Jumbled drama, from a 1975 Lawrence

Kasdan script, Overdor, Mick Jackson Rassan Script. Director, Mrcs. Jackson Canadan Parkway (071-267 7034) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Fulhem Rosed (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-639 0310) MGM Oxford Street (071-639 0310) MGM

Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-225 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (U):

Sumptious Disney cancon lary-lefe, blessed with skilled animation and attractive songs that might have sprung from a Broadway musical, Directors, Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise.

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6148) MGM Trocadero (073-634 0031)
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666)
Mezzanine (0429 915683)

CHAPLIN (12): A stalled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Altenborough's bitly biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or

THE CRYING GAME (18). IFA gurman becomes obsessed with a hostage's guttiend, Bold, powerful Net Jordan film that takens at the close Stars. Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jaye

his career Odeon Leicester Square (0426

and Sat, 2.30pm 180mins.

NEW RELEASES

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ASSASSINS: Sancheim's sharp

TODAY'S EVENTS

tomorrow at 3pm and 7 30pm), and the European Community Youth Orchestra under Vladerne Aafkenazy, with Friednich Kempl, BBC Young Musician of the Year, at the peans (popular Wagner, Pachmaninov, Bax and Plavel, Barbican Hall, 9.45pm) Barblean, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638 9891), Today, tomorow.

as well as tributes to Duke Flington. Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Toroutht, Born.

a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-835 8404) Mon-Set. 8pm, met Set, 4pm. 150mins. THEATRE GUIDE

STAGES: Haunting performance by at a sustance reautining perioritiance by Alan Bales as the washed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs National (Cortinglos), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Sei, 8pm, real Sei, 4pm, 85mms.

Christmas show Prince on a White Billia, set in London's East End in 1934. It shows how a handsome young stranger helps the women to rebal against their glum men. Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round (0723 370541). Tonigrit-Set, 2,30cm.

cangury. She was born in Breganz in 1741, and came to England at the age (

1741, and came to England at the age of 25, staying and working here with great success until 1781. A hunder member of the Royal Academy, she was one of only two women admitted before 1922, and showed to universal applause a variety of mythological and historical patrilings. Now she is remembered chiefly for her decorative work, but this show rechasses the balance Brighton Museum and Art Gellery. Church Street, (1927 3 1 3202) Mon, Tues, Thura-Sai, 10am-5,45pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Jan 3.

LIVERPOOL: The Royal Liverpool Philibannonic Orchestra under Carl Davis with Lilien Watson, Valene Masterson and Jean Polby welcomes the New Year with a selection of music

ons new Year wan a second or music. by Strauss (Rosenkavalier), Wegner (Seighted's Rhine Journey) and Mozart (extracts from The Manage of Figero and Cost lan artis). The concert will end just before muchight, for the chimes of Big Ben and "Aud Lang Syne". Philinarmonic Hall, Hope Street, (DS1-700 arxists Tomotek 9, 15 pm.

BURNENCHAM Hot selse band Cozzo No with homs, parcussion and Colombian lead singer Zara see out the old year in swinging style. Rounds Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525), Tonight, 8,30pm.

SRIGHTON: Angelica Kaultima a beacon for feminists in the 18th

[] THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A RELD: Hamel Water perfect again in reuval of this subtle, come state-ofthe-nation play, set in a world of shifting values and plummeting an prices Royal Court, Stoane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 40m. 150mins

Carlot John With MY AUNT: Smon L) TRAVELS WITH INY AUNT: Smon Cadell, John Weils, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 28 perts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1118) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat. 8, 15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

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THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alson Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwight's play about

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Guisy soul diva Jean Came fronts a night's funky entertainment. Carndon Centre, NW1 (071-388 1394). Tonight, 8pm-2em.

ROY BURROWES PLUS THE EURO-AMERICAN 7: The American humpet player leads a group of seven performers from Europe and the United States including Pensian sepontories Richard Rau. The programme will include Burrowes's own compositions sevent are britises to the Elfontion

GEO/JGE MELLY. The singer, euthor and authority on modern art appears with John Chilton's Feetwarners Romale Scott's, Firth Street, W1 (071-439 0747), Tonight-Sat. 9:30pm.

SCARBOROUGH: A chance to see octogenarian Charles Thomas's

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expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. Alberry, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in

LL 14 marks in the FAMELY: Larks in the hospital common room, mation outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney tarce with lots of laughs Playhouse, Northumble laughs WC2 (071-839 44/11). Mon-Fin, 8pm, Sat, 8,30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5,30pm. 135mns. AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Arms

☐ An IDEAL HUSBAND: Anna Carterat, Hannah Gordon and Martin Snew in Wilder's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done. Globe, Shelbasbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, matis. Thurs, 3pm, Sat. 4pm. 165mms. ☐ KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, it coarsens the Kander & Edo musicoli. If conserts me values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. Sheffasbury, Sheffesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-779 5399), Mon-Sat, Bpm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm, 160 mets.

LOST IN YONKERS: Terrific performance by Rosemary Hams in a Neit Simon comedy more weightly then value as a loopy aurit. Strand, Adwych, WC2 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ FIADIO TIMES: Tony Slattery in a L. HARDIO THRESS: Tony Slattery in a fun trip down Memory Lane, set in waitime Broadcassing House, bursting with spinghtly Noel Gay numbers. Crueen's, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040) Mon-Fn, 7 30pm, Sat. 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat. 4.30pm. 150mins.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where Indicated with the symbol •)

Davidson, Miranda Richardson. Chalsea (071-351 3742/3743) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) MGM Penton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW

YORK (PG): More of the same, with extra crudity and a horrid new streek of sentimentality. With Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Denel Stem. Director, Chris Joe Peech, Dennel Stein: Detector, Cens Columbus, Barbican (071-538 8991) MiGM Oxford Street (071-536 0310) Odeomic Kenstington (0428 914686) West End (0428 915574) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): HUSBANUS AND WIVES (15):
Woody Alen's best firm in years, a
locarating tale of collapsing New York
marriages, Stars Allen, Mile, Farrow, Judy
Davis, Lam Nesson, Juliette Lewis
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)
Odeon Mezzante (0426 915663)
Report (071-837 8402)

BNTO THE WEST (PG): Two gypsy children nde a mysterious white horse into western heland. Waywerd but erngaging, good for older children. Stars Gabnel Byrne, Eiten Barkin Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

 PETER'S FRIENDS (15): College pais meet up after a decade for a glib meture of laughter and tears. Kenneth Stephen Fry, Rita Rudner and himself. Lumière (071-836 0891) MGM Chelses (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 5148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the

Street (071-935 2772) ◆ SINGLE WHITE FEMALE (18) New SINGLE WISTE PERALE [19] New roommale proves a crackpot. Nicely atmospheric, but the crudite's mount. Bridgel Fonda, Jernifer Jason Leigh; director, Barbet Schroeder. MGM Chelstee (071-362 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914986) Mezzantne (0426 915683)

◆ SISTER ACT (PG). Whoops ◆ SISTEM ACT (PG). Whoop Goldberg Index out in a convent. Contrived but disamming, warm-heared comedy. Magge Struth as the Mother Superfor. Director, Emile Andelmo. MigM Balker Street (071-353 9772) MigM Chelses (071-352 5096) MigM Oddord Street (071-363 0310) West End (0426 915574) UCI Whiteleys 071-762 3329) (071-792 3332)

STRICTLY BALLROOM (PG) One dancer's fight to dely the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation Ebuilient, intoocating debut by director Baz Luhimann With zy cirector last plantagin with Paul Mercurto, Tara Monce MGM Chelses (071-352 5036) MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3551) Odecos: Kensington (0425 914665) Mezzantina (0426 915683) Piaza (071-497 9999) Renoir (071-637 8402). PUBLISHING: The books that we bought (and in some instances also read) in 1992

Scandal and smut to the fore

Sex and intimate revelations figured strongly among the best-sellers in 1992, although book sales

did not increase overall, reports Nicolette Jones

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Thether or not the British book trade had a difficult year or more own, it certainly contributed to the Queen's. Andrew Morton's Story (O'Mara) sold to the Diana: Her True Story (O'Mara) sold hundreds of thousands of copies with its account of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, apparently leaked through friends by the princess — some say to redress the balance of Lady Colin Campbell's more "pro-Charles" volume, Diana in Private (Smith Gryphon). Without these revelations, it might have been possible for the royal couple to maintain an estranged marriage behind a dutiful front, and keep their sorry

mighty sordid.
This ill wind for 'This ill wind for the Windsors blew the bookshops a rare gust of profit. Figthe Windsors blew ures are hard to pin down, but although bookshops a rare big chains claim their sales were up gust of profit' on last year, the Central Office of

Statistics suggests that overall book sales did not increase. Small bookshops were squeezed, inde-pendent publishers felt the pinch, and it was mostly big names that sold. Publishers and booksellers report good and bad months, but agree that, as in other retail industries, hopes of longterm growth were dashed. Disaster may have been staved off for most companies but "a lot of people have got their fingers in the dyke," says Richard Charkin of Reed, the conglomerate that owns Secker, Heinemann and Methuen (though he claims improved results for his own group).

Those results certainly owe something to Madonna. A total of 110,000 copies of Sex (Secker) sold out and another 130,000 went into the bookshops for Christmas. Booksellers grumbled (as they did with the Morton book) when supplies dried up. The book was banned in the Irish Republic. And it prompted a few to call for reform of the Obscene Publications Act, no doubt boosting sales - as did the controversy earlier in the year over the publication in English of the Marquis de Sade's Juliette. Those who campaigned to have de Sade's book banned failed, and caused it to sell 15,000 copies. Madonna's photo-

graphed fantasies also fell short of the DPP's standards of obscenity. It was a bad year for Philip Larkin's reputation. Once, he was beloved as a reasonable, reclusive Betjeman without the bearishness. The publication of his Letters (Faber), edited by Anthony Thwaite, revealed a certain less-thanlovable boorishness. Enamoured of Mrs Thatcher, and determinedly untroubles secret. But the pen proved the PC in his remarks to his chappish chums about race.

women and minorities, he disappointed some of his fans. Nevertheless. his irreverence is irresistible, as sales have shown. And the poems continue to stand on their own

grace.
The publishing industry, despite more job losses, in fact fared better than many others. Takeovers and mergers offered some a lifebelt: Maxwell's Macdonald did not go the way of its proprietor and was rescued by the transatlantic Little Brown. Gollancz, distinguished for its long leftist tradition and its crime list. lost its relatively new American owners, Houghton Mifflin, and was sold to another British independent, Cassell.

Anthony Cheetham, set adrift by the conglomerate Random House (which had acquired his own Century Hutchinson) promptly bought old-estab-lished Weidenfeld, launched his own ship, Orion Publishing, with his wife Rosie, and recruited so many Random House employees that the group tried to stop him doing so by an injunction, without success. Orion also took on board, in a merger, Chapmans Publishing, recently set up by lan and Marjory Chapman who, despite a good list, were struggling to sell new



independent André Deutsch, which was abandoned by two of its biggest authors, John Updike and Penelope Lively, though on the market, has still not found a buyer.

Hard times did lead to some ingenious initiatives in a bid for sales. Secker, Chatto and Hamish Hamilton tried publishing straight into paper-back. This had its successes — a Whitbread first-novel prize for Jeff Torrington's Swing Hammer Swing!, sales of 8,000 copies of American Allen Kurzweil's A Case of Curiosities, for instance, and increased sales of first novels from, say, 500 to 3,000 copies. But, in Charkin's opinion for one, it is not the solution to the industry's troubles. Reports of the death of the

hardback were greatly exaggerated. Other recessionary tactics included: Dillons' promotions that ranged from Susan Hill's discounted "Critic's Choice" (of Reed books; since the group decided to go against the pricefixing Net Book Agreement, which is otherwise still going strong) to deals with off-licences for cheaper wine books; a "happy hour" at Books Etc. when books are sold at the trade price; W H Smith's "Thumping Good Read" award, won by Robert Goddard's Into the Blue; the opening of 12 classy bargain bookshops by Dillons under the Claude Gill name, which have been a success; and, coming up next year, a repeat of the Best of Young British Writers gambit of ten years ago, and a promotion (in February) that offers a prize of £10,000 and a chance to win £1 million if you buy a Faber book.

Somehow, amid the gloom, there have been big sums to pay to big names for books we can expect in the next year or so. Cher sold her memoirs for six figures, Terry Waite's autobiography went for around £400,000, Susan Hillcommanded nearly seven figures for a sequel to Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca (in the wake of successful sequels to Gone With The Wind and Wuthering Heights). Also expect to find out soon what happened next in Dr Zhivago and The Forsyte Saga. And the trade is

books in a recession. But the apmarket not yet bored with politicians. Lord Howe of Aberavon, Alan Clark and Julian Critchley have all sold their memoirs, and Edwina Currie has turned novelist: her A Parliamentary

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Affair will be out next autumn. Other individuals who had cause to celebrate include the poet Derek Walcott, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature, Stephen Hawking who beat the record of 183 weeks in the bestseller list previously held by The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady with his A Brief History of Time, and Michael Ondaatje and Barry Unsworth, who shared the Booker Prize (with The English Patient and Sacred Hunger respectively).

eanwhile, some names were lost to posterity, including the novelists Monica Dicklost to posterity, including ens and Angela Carter, the poet George Macheth, the science-fiction writer Isaac Asimov and children's author Rosemary Stricliff. And certain voices from the past unexpectedly had something new to say. Hitherto unknown works by both James Joyce and Samuel Beckett were found. Irish scholar Danis Rose pieced together a work-in-progress written between Ulysses and Finnegans Wake, a series of stories based on Irish legend. Entitled Finn's Hotel, it is set for publication next spring. Beckett's first attempt at a novel, Dreams of Eair to Middling Women, came to light and has already been published.

And it was his fourth bad year in a row for Salman Rushdie. The paperback of The Satanic Verses was published by an American consortium and quietly imported. But this did nothing to defuse his danger. The bounty on his head was doubled, and the government would not act on calls to impose sanctions on Iran until the farwa is withdrawn. 1992 may have been a year in which, as one publisher put it, "the big issue is that nobody buys or reads books any more," but, from Andrew Morton to Salman Rushdie, it was also a year which confirmed the power of the published word.

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early the whole of the British press, The Guardian in the lead, has been urging intervention in Bosnia, a cause that anyone decent immediately understands. The Foreign Office has not responded in the same style, al-though this week Douglas Hurd has stated that he can now imagine armed action against the Serbs to prevent a general Balkan war.

Muddle, even farce, result. Our boys have had to intervene, rather bravely taking supplies. They do so with great ingenuity and fabulous organisation along snowy hair-pin bends in mountains. However, there is a very large airport at a place called Tuzla, where supplies could be flown in to support the Bosnian population through the winter. The local Serbs have said: out of bounds. Rather than lever these people out, as in days of yore, British troops put up with their mountain odyssey, their own ministry constantly grumbling as to how difficult it all is.

However, this ministry has an argument or two. There is a they had withdrawn from the

Churchill's weakest hour principle involved, with some woeful precedents. Intervening in civil wars is tricky. Of this, there is good

evidence in Michael Kettle's book about British doings in the Russian civil war of 1917-21. This is a labour of enormous scholarship, a life's work, of which the third (of five projected) volumes now appears.

It takes the story from November 1918, when foreign troops were all around the periphery of Russia to the middle of 1919, when the anti-Bolshevik side began dramatically to collapse, and most of the foreign troops were withdrawn. The British were mainly involved in north Russia - Archangel - but they had an interest in the Far East, and a rather more substantial one, what with oil, in southern Russia and the Caucasus. By the middle of 1919,

north, in an episode of prodigious muddle, over which the presiding genius was Churchill's.

This, as with everything to do with Russia, was an extremely complicated business. It has surreal touches all around — Senegalese guarding the Donbass mines; Czechs in Omsk; the tail-end of Bulgakov's White Guard in Kiev, as the German occupants scramble with their puppet-ruler to the west, leaving the Russian bourgeoisie of the city at the mercy of Ukrainian nationalists on the one side, and Bolsheviks on the other, with assorted anarchists trundling

around to complicate matters. Then there was wrangling be-tween the supposedly intervening powers. The French, taking and then abandoning Odessa in an epic of brutality and incompetence which appalled their British "al-

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lies", actually charged refugee Russians a fee for boarding their own ships. As was to happen again and again as the century wore on, the British also found their American allies very difficult — one thing one minute, another the next. Clearly, in the Far East, American support for intervention was necessary - if only because (another complication) the Japanese had to be contained. But the Americans were not really ready for a display of their world power. They put a toe into Siberian waters, enough to brand

them later as interventionists, but

did not go far enough to make the Whites in that region sufficiently

. The result of all this was that the allied intervention proceeded in great disarray. Only the British were really trusted and liked by the anti-Bolshevik Russians (even then there were problems: volunteer RAF officers found the Russians' lack of co-ordination in the air extremely irritating, though the tank-crew trainers were more

Churchill, at the War Office, kept prodding for more forthright be-haviour. He was supported by a large part of the Tory party, breathing anti-German and anti-Bolshevik fire in debates that Kenle faithfully records. The prime minister, Lloyd George, nevertheless had to deal with considerable opposition. This was not just the Labour

party. More important were the trade unions, for whom "no more war" was as urgent as support for the alleged socialist regime in

And then there were the troops. British conscripts were very well aware of the sentiment "we're here because we're here because we're here because we're here", but there were limits to their patience. The Somme had been bad enough. Why prolong things in, of all places, the snowy wastes of the Kola peninsula? There were mutinies, though nothing to compare with mutinies among the French inter-ventionists in the south. Lloyd George never, therefore, gave

Churchill the backing he needed. Finally, the Whites. Kettle's book is not about the Russian side, though he gives sufficient of the background to explain what was

going on. We still need a proper history of the Russian civil war, though it would take a master of the art to put across the story. However there is a melancholy 20th-century theme in the collapse of counterrevolutions, from the Russians' experience in 1920-1 to the fall of Shanghai and the fall of Saigon,

via Havana and Managua. Nearly every British observer, though often knowing and greatly liking the Russians, found them difficult: fractious, inclined to put small matters first, and then selfpityingly disorganised. In Novor-ossiysk, the base-port of Denikin's volunteer army, there were even

different times on the public clocks - one for Moscow time, another for Constantinople time, another for local time. You had to fix an advance by which clock you would be late for an appointment.

In Kettie's next volume, he will have to tell the story of the Whites' final evacuation from Novor-ossiysk, in March 1920 — one of the epic disasters in the history of failed counter-revolutions. I look

Dictators of national culture

t the great Paris World Exhibition of 1937, two monstrous neo-classical structures arose next to the Seine: deliberately overshadowing all the rest, they seemed to confront one another like primeval predators. The Soviet Pavilion by Boris Iofan was crowned by Vera Mukhina's colossal statue - welded from steel plates hot from the furnaces of the new industrial economy - of "The Worker and the Collective Farm Girl". The two giants, 25 metres high, were shown rushing headlong towards the future, brandishing hammer and sickle. Blocking their path through space, a massive, windowless tower rears up ahead, surmounted by an eagle: Albert Speer's German Pavilion. These salutes in stone and steel are typical of the gargantuan follies that fill two excellent books: The Arts of the Third Reich and

Stalinist Architecture. In two years the Soviet Union has disintegrated, just about the same time that the Third Reich took to collapse between the battles of Stalingrad and Berlin. Future historians will be able to compare the many legacies of these two empires rather more objectively than could be done while Soviet communism still existed. The similarities between their crimes are legion, but the art and architecture of Russian and German totalitarianism are among the most enduring and, strangely, least known of these

The alien and repulsive quality of official Soviet and especially Nazi aesthetics to British eyes cannot alone explain this ignorance. Indeed, the ignorance partly explains the hostility. Most people do not have the same prejudice against the music which Shostakovich or Richard Strauss composed under these regimes, because music seems abstract, at one more remove from

politics than the visual arts. But not everything that was painted, sculpted or built in the Soviet Union from 1917 to 1991. or in Germany from 1933 to 1945. was mediocre. Only an ideologue would suppose that they were. The most objectionable kind of historicism maintains that each high culture is merely a product of given social and economic circumstances, that the Bible or the plays of

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er, is that Nazi art and architecture were merely the visible projection of "absolute authority", and conse-quently worthless. "There is no doubt that the masses and the National Socialist leadership had the same taste," he declares. Why in that case was the "Entartete Kunst" exhibition of banned artists so popular? Actually not all Nazis agreed about aesthetics, and in architecture the break between the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich is not instantly obvious, as Adam admits when he discusses examples such as Tempelhof airport in Berlin.

The Soviet empire underwent several cultural revolutions, as Tarkhanov and Kavtaradze show. Stalin's personal views on architecture were as vehemently held as Hitler's; both dictators liked neoclassicism - a style which predominated throughout the 19th century

in the cities they knew.

But how different were the buildings the two rivals bequeathed! In Hitler's handful of surviving monuments the classical orders and forms are transformed into obedient functionaries. Stalin's byzantine and oriental love of complexity for its own sake give his legacy an ornate exuberance that is more gothic than neo-classical. Stalin liked American skyscrapers and produced his own "wedding cake" imitations; Hitler had no time for them, but admired Haussmann's Parisian boulevards. The Nazis, whose empire lasted 12 years, built to last; apart from the ghostly ruins at Nuremberg, those that were not bombed or demol-ished are still in use. The Soviet Union, which lasted 70 years, tried to create utopia on the cheap; its structures are already crumbling.





Monstrous neo-classical structures: the Soviet (left) and the German (right) pavilions overshadowed the 1937 World Exhibition

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Bangkok traffic jams, Keegan has been able to survey the miracles of Japan and Germany. A great light has shone upon him. He has discovered that they are (oh, glory) rich. He has, morever, discovered why. Central planning, public works and nationalised industries are the very things that have made all those lucky Japanese and Ger-

mans so phenomenally rich.
In short, and this is Keegan's state-of-the-art discovery, government intervention in a capitalist market is the solution to the problem of life.

Keegan is not giving us this sturning insight merely to enlarge our understanding of the world. He has a practical purpose. He aims to launch a crusade against the real villains of the modern world: the finance ministers who are setting Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary on a free-market course. These chaps, we are told, are not doing nearly enough in the way of government intervention and central planning. The result will be, indeed already is, expensive.

This is news indeed. Who would

have thought that the real problem in central Europe was lack of government intervention? Pre-Keegan, it seemed so plausible that the cause of the problem was the effect of communism on the spirit, structure and intellectual assump-

tions of these societies. But now we know: those good old communists were just a bit feeble economically: the real "spectre" (Keegan's phrase) is rampant Thatcherism. It could cause terrible traffic jams in Warsaw, and that

Poet without a home

ore fireside chat than essay, the gaweda, Milosz points out, is a literary form unique to Poland, and this collection of reminiscences, lectures, reviews and obituaries illustrates it rather well. Milosz really does begin with his streets the streets of pre-war Wilno, now Vilnius - which he invests with all the magical other-worldliness and evocative power that make his

poetry live. "Two things cannot be reduced to rationalising: time and beauty," writes Milosz, quoting his mentor Simone Weil, and these two subjects run through all the pieces in this collection, whatever they might be about. He adds to these a preoccupation of his own, namely geography. Not so much the physical topography of the Earth, more the human geography of culture.

These preoccupations go far to explain Milose's brilliance and his shortcomings, both as a man and a poet. He is a wanderer in time and space, part refugee, part fugitive. He has never felt at ease in his

surioundings. "The dimension that my eyes dimly perceived in the Thirties," he writes, "did not belong to the general Polish dimension, so my place was among the 'outsiders', because they were Jews or because they were communists or communist sympathisers. No matter where I turned, however, there was nowhere where I felt at home." Since settling in the United

Adam Zamoyski

BEGINNING WITH MY STREETS By Czesław Milosz Translated by Madeline G. Levine I.B. Tauris, £19.95

States, he has been a European stranded in the New World. But he feels similarly foreign when he is in Europe, as for him there are "two

When he is in Warsaw he is

conscious of being cut off from the main stem of European civilisation, when he is in Paris he is aware that he belongs to that other Europe, the one which was "destined to descend into the heart of darkness" of the twentieth century" and was initiated into the great mystery of our age. For Milosz believes that the Holocaust — not just the Jewish Holocaust, but the whole Bolshevik-Nazi package - represents a quantum leap in the historical process. To him, nothing can ever be the same again, and this presents him with his greatest challenge as a poet and a thinker. Quite simply, he asks whether traditional poetry and thought can

have any relevance now. This perception of himself as straddling continents, cultures and historical experiences lends power to his vision, both philosophical

and poetic His literary formation and his points of reference are equally broad-based and heteroge-nous. Authors who influenced him during his adolescence include such apparently random names as Adam Mickiewicz, William Gray, Fennimore Cooper, Thomas Traherne, Alphonse Daudet and Thomas Mann.

This kind of magpie approach to literature, dictated to some extent by availability, is not untypical of eastern European writers. It has the merit of producing a less programmed sensibility than that of most western writers, whose formation is often fashion-led. His provincial literary upbringing also has the effect of leaving him with a trace of naivety, or possibly innocence, which no doubt accounts for the sense of wonder with which he approaches everything, a wonder

that enhances his poetic perception. Milosz's sense of identity is, however, a little suspect. His view of history, on which he relies so much, is shaky and sometimes flawed. So is the "Lithuanianness" he dings to so insistently. It seems to be based above all on a need to escape from a "Polishness" that he sees as a threat, but one that few Poles would recognise. He is left in California. blinking not so much at the sun as at the incomprehensibility of it all.

Although the collection is patchy. this is a book well-worth dipping into, permeated with arresting thought and observation.

A noble battle for truth

Lesley Chamberlain

THE CZAR'S MADMAN By Jaan Kross Translated by Anselm Hollo from the Finnish Edition by Ivo Iliste Harvill, £14.99

This gripping novel of the folly of idealism, set in the L · post-Napoleonic Russian empire, has helped Jaan Kross to the stature of world-class novelist as a result of its recent belated discovery in the West. First published in Estonian in 1978, it won the Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger in

The enigmatic life of Timo von Bock, related in the journal of his brother-in-law Jakob Mettik, poses the question whether a human life is wasted when sacrificed to un-workable ideals. Von Bock (his name means "stubborn") is a Baltic German aristocrat in the service of the Russian Tsar Alexander. He loves his Estonian homeland to the extent of marrying a low-born, local woman, Jakob's sister.

Tsar Alexander, known historically for his reign's sudden volteface from a generous liberalism to imperial repression, both falls in love with Timo and betrays him, having him imprisoned as a madman. Jakob's diary, alternating between the periods before, during and after Timo's incarceration queries this "madness".

Jakob is an ordinary soul. His consistent settling for something less than ideal is meant to seem starkly modern in contrast with Timo's nobility of a lost age. Kross has cleverly linked Timo to the Decembrist insurrection, the only time young Russian aristocrats rose against the autocracy. Perhaps it was necessary in the Tallinn of 1978 to make an enquiry into Timo's sanity seem the central focus of this remarkable novel, but what really drives it is the dynamism of ideas, deftly deployed on a vivid historical canvas.

ere is the life of a soldier of the tsar, an Estonian L landowner, whose immediate point of intellectual reference is the German Enlightenment. Goethe himself has dedicated a poem to Timo; Kant's ethical philosophy and ideal of universal peace are never far from his

How can a man of such certainty and leading a life of such purity be real, cries the woefully second-class Jakob, as if for all of us. And, of course, it is Jakob's weakness in solitude, his imperfect love affairs and his inability to fix his identity through heartfelt commitment, the disorder of his feckless thoughts yet still containing goodwill, which actually grip the reader.

An outdated, almost forgotten moral beauty struggles through these pages with the force of modern, well-meaning compromise. Absolute goodness against a vagueness which is not evil, is simply inadequate. Through the use of manuscripts casually lost, found, stolen and wilfully destroyed, and a sly afterword pur-porting to distinguish fact from fiction. Kross locates his own act of writing in a world where truth has become little more than accidental.

What a comfort it must have been to write — and read — this book in the former Soviet Estonial It is both a testament to the roots of local life, so cut off from the larger world, and an evocation of the old idea of world citizenship which is still our only hope. What other treasures have we missed from those so long unfree lands?

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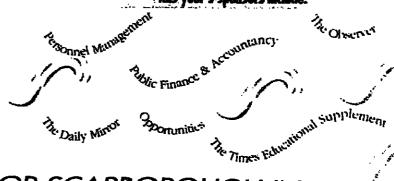


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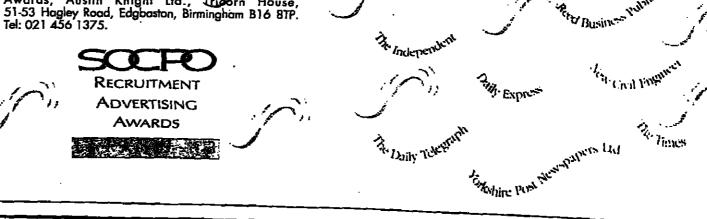
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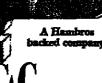
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Managers seeking backing for

buy-outs face

rigorous scrutiny. Clare Hogg reports

ne of the most stringent vetting processes a manager is ever likely to be subjected to is the scrutimy of the financial backers in the case of a management buy-in or

Take the case of Rob Shotton, managing director of the Green Bank Drinks Company, Originally a director of Brent Walker, Brewing and Trading, he supported his boss in a bid to buy the brewery. The process involved many meetings and endless presentations.

Mr Shotton came to know a lot of

the potential backers. The bid was unsuccessful, but subsequently Mr Shorton was given the opportunity of buying the bottling plant. The contacts he had already made proved very valuable.

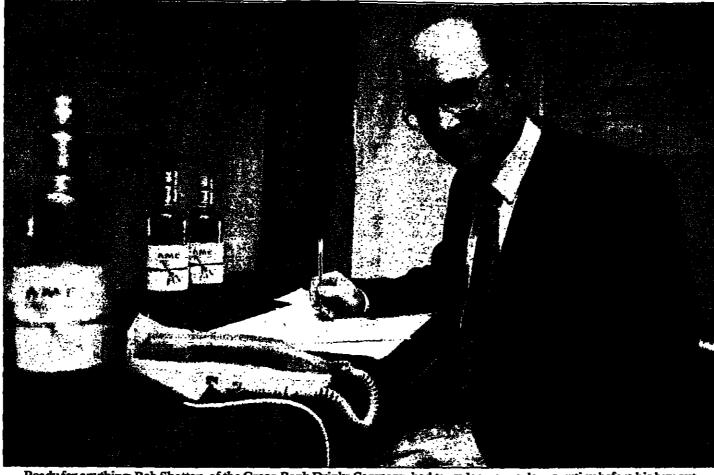
"The first contact you make," Mr Shotton says, "is crucial. You need something which will put you at the top of the pile." First, he advises, you need to make sure somehow that you are listened to. Then the financiers will ask what are you doing and why do you want some money? You should be able to produce something which is rele-vant, meaningful and well-

constructed." At great expense, Mr Shotton used Price Waterhouse to help with the business plan and advise on the presentation, how to handle likely questions, and so on. He is sure that this was an important factor in

getting to the top. But from there, the investigative process goes much deeper. As Mr Shotton explains, "there's not much you can do if you are not competent in the first place. The investors listened and questioned us very closely."

The next step involved the use by the investors of independent industry experts. "Those who are specialist in a particular industry only have to walk around a factory to see whether it is well or badly managed," Mr Shotton says. In his view, the industry experts played an important role in revealing the professionalism of the management team.

The third and last hurdle for Mr



Ready for anything: Rob Shotton, of the Green Bank Drinks Company, had to undergo very close scrutiny before his buy-out

Shotton was the follow-up of his personal references. "They spoke to my former MD and asked not just how good is he at his present job?. but also 'how will he act when he is in overall control, has he got the abilities to make the transition?"." Emyr Hughes, director of Klein-

wort Benson Development Capital, confirms that the skills, abilities and personalities of the management team seeking backing is critical. He wholeheartedly agrees with the maxim in a handbook published by the British Venture Capital Association: "The three most important aspects of a successful business are management, management and management."

Mr Hughes looks carefully at the key individuals and how they perform within a business. "We look at each CV and track back carefully. We make sure there are no gaps and if there has been any involvement at senior level with any other business, we look carefully at the success (or otherwise) of that

As Mr Shotton discovered, refering to MSL, a consultancy with its ees are carefully contacted, always either by telephone, or occasionally a meeting might be arranged. "We always ask them how they react under pressure and about their strengths and weaknesses." By dint of all this research, Mr Hughes tries to piece togeth-

individual. Next. Mr Hughes looks at the team as a whole and how it operattes. This is an awkward area, and has to be dealt with sensitively. It is at this stage that an

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assessment is made as to where the power lies in the group, and to what extent a natural leader (which should be the chief executive) The thorough methods used by Kleinwort Benson are not as wide-

spread as they should be. Accord-

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has been made, and the arrangement is not working. Lack of entrepreneurial flair is often a cause. Mr Long points out that the reason the company is for sale in the beginning may be something to do with the quality of management,

own experience of a buy-out from

Saatchi & Saatchi, the question of personal skills and qualities is approached in a generally "ama-

teur and almost cavalier fashion".

Long, MSL's chairman, says.

"It's all very haphazard," Gary

Many backers, he

says, are flattered

by being ap-proached in the be-

ginning and adopt, the approach: "I

can tell a good chap

Sadly, Mr Long

says, MSL tends to

get called in two or

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difficult trading conditions, these will not improve when ownership

When called in during the initial stages of a buy-out, MSL very occasionally recommends that a deal does not go ahead. When things go wrong after a buy-out and success proves elusive, the subsequent restructuring of the equity and debt arrangements results in disappointed, demotivated and poorer management

Mr Hughes' advice to managers seeking backing for a buy-out is "be your own natural self. He points out that over the extended period of negotiations, it is very difficult to cover up anything significant. "You have meeting after meeting after meeting. You end up talking about private and family matters ...

"And don't be too frightened of the process. The backers need to feel very comfortable with the management team. It's like a marriage: the wedding is fine, but it's really a long-term process."

A helping hand for the executive

utplacement may not be among the best things in life, but the fact that job search advice and help is available free through the employment department's Executive Job Clubs is not as well known as it should be. There are 111 of these operating throughout the UK. of which 42 are in London and the South East.

While Executive Job Clubs are not as well resourced as commer cial outplacement firms, they do provide an acceptable alternative. Apart from counselling. Job Club members have access for six months to free telephones, post, fax and word processors.

So why don't more out-of-work managers join? John Gallacher, a who is now Job

Club leader in the London Borough 'We show of Wandsworth says: "You are not entitled to people how to collect unemploy-ment benefit if be positive about selling you have had payment in lieu of themselves' notice, so those who received sizeable redundancy

packages often don't register as unemployed - some never do, for reasons of pride."

However, information on Job Chibs comes in the first instance through JobCentres or unemployment benefit offices, so if you do want to join one, you should sign on even if you are not entitled to benefit at the time. You can only become a Job Club member after you have been unemployed for six months, but it is advisable to put your name down early, because some areas have waiting lists.

There is also an interim service to which you are entitled after being unemployed for three months. This is a job review and seminar which offers two days of

expert advice on seeking a job. Don Crighton, 49, a marketing executive, had to wait four months, on top of the six for which he had already been unemployed, to join the Job Club at Kingston-on-Thames, southwest London. "It was fantastically useful," he says. "Not only in terms of the counselling but from the contact with others in the same boat." The members came from a variety of buiness back-grounds and had been earning about £30-£40,000 a year. "We all got on well, and there was a lot of frank feedback between us about our respective methods and aims. It provided the kind of focus you don't get from family

and friends." Mr Crighton said that some club members had felt isolated and depressed but were reenergised by the Job Club pro-cess. Mr Gallacher emphasises the value of keeping up morale. "Ninety per cent of success at interviews is attitude," he says. "We also teach the methods and techniques which enable people

to be more posi-tive about selling themselves." These are very similar, in a shortened form. to those used by commercial outplacement firms.

Wandsworth

holds three-day seminars for new members, in groups of about 12, on all aspects of the job search, concentrating on self-marketing, which John Gallacher has found to be a weakness. The seminar is followed up by four half-day sessions on a one-to-one basis. 'About the only standard outplacement hardware we don't provide are videocameras for in-

Gallacher says. He claims an impressive success rate. About 70 per cent of members get jobs within 12 months. Nationally, Job Clubs claim success rates of 50 per cent. Mr Gallacher does, however, admit that many Job Club candidates have to take a drop in salary. "Forget about salary, and think about role," is his advice. "Your first priority is to return to the job that is right for you."

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AMERICAN-FOOTBALL

Jan 2-3: NFL wild-card play-offs.
Jan 9-10: NFL divisional play-offs.
Jan 17: NFL conference finals.
Jan 31: NFL Super Bowl XXVII, Pasadena,
California.
Sep 5: NFL season opens.

ARCHERY

Mar 28: National indoor championships, NIA, Birmingham. June 12-13: UK Masters, Lilleshall. June 30-Juty 2: GNAM, Lilleshall. Aug 14-15: British target championships, Lichfield. Aug 29-30: National compound championships, Holton, Aylesbury.

ATHLETICS

Jan 2: iAAF World Cross challenge, Durham. Jan 9: IAAF World Cross challenge, Belfast. Jan 17: IAAF World Cross challenge, Jan 24: IAAF World Cross challenge, Tourcoing, France.
Jan 30: Pearl Assurance Indoor games,

Jan 30: Pearl Assurance Indoor games, Glasgow.
Jan 30-31: Indoor meeting, three nations v Great Britain, toa, Spain.
Jan 31: IAAF World Cross challenge, San Sebastian, Spain.
Feb 6: World cross-country British trials (Including inter-counties championship), Corby Feb 7: IAAF World Cross challenge, Algarve; Indoor meeting, Belgium v England, Ghent.
Feb 13: Vausthall indoor international, Great Britain v United States, Birmingham.

Britain v United States, Birmingham. Feb 13-14: AAA under-20 indoor championships, Birmingham Feb 14: IAAF World Cross challenge, Diekirch, Luxembourg.
Feb 20: TSB indoor international,
Birningham: English women's crosscountry championships.
Feb 21: IAAF World Cross challenge, Chiba, Japan. Feb 23: IAAF invitation, Melbourne. Feb 26-27: AAA indoor championships,

Brimingham.

Feb 27: IAAF World Cross challenge,
Nairobi; English men's national crosscountry championships, Parliament Hal.

Mar 6: IAAF World Cross challenge, San Vetore Olana, Italy. Mar 12-14: World indoor championships,

Mar 20: National relays, Mansfield. Mar 28: IAAF World Cross challenge, mar ze: MAF World Cross challenge, Amorebeta, Spain. Apr 18: NutraSweet London Merathon, May 6: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, São Paulo,

May 22: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, New York, May 28: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, San Jose, May 29-30: Italy v Czechoslovakia v Great May 25-30: nary v Cascrosovarea v Great Britain, Atzano, Italy. May 31: IAAF invitation, Vancouver; CAU championships, Corby. June 1: IAAF invitation, Bratislava. June 4: Pearl European relays,

Portsmouth.
June 5: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Seville.
June 6: Solent Garnes, Southampton;
Hungary v Great Britain v Italy, Tata.
June 9: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Rome.
June 11: IAAF invitation, St Denis, France.
June 12-13: Pearl British championships,
Covetal Palace: under 20 international

June 12-13: Pean British championships, Crystal Palace; under-20 international, Germany v Great Britain, Stuttgart. June 13: IAAF invitation, Moscow. June 16: IAAF invitation, Budapest. June 18: Peart Ulster Games, Beltisst. June 20: IAAF invitation, Hengelo, Holland. June 25-26: Under-20 international, Germany v Great Britain v Russia, tba,

Germany. June 28-27: European Cup, Rome, area senior championships.

July 2: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Life; TSB
Challenge, Great Britain v United States
(three-a-side), Edinburgh,

July 3-4; AAA under-20 championships,

July 5: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Stockholm, July 7: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Lausanne. 9: Ireland v South of England AA v Russia, Cork. July 10: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Oslo.

11-18: World Student Games, Buffalo, 16-17: Panasonic AAA championships, Birmingham. July 17-18; Under-20 international, Belgrum v Great Britain v Holland, Dilbeek.

Dilitieek
July 19: IAAF invitation, Barcelona.
July 21: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Nice.
July 23: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Crystal
Palace.
July 24: Under-23 international, Russia v
Great Britain v Germany, Moscow.
July 25: British Gas Welsh Games
(including Wales v England v Australia),
Cardiff.
July 28: IAAF invitation, Sestriere, Italy.

July 28: IAAF invitation, Sestriere, Italy. July 29-July 2: European under-20 championships, San Sebastian.

July 30: IAAF invitation. Gateshead July 29-Aug 1: European junior championships, San Sebastian. Aug 1: (AAF/Mobil grand prix, Cologne; Northern Ireland v England v Australla,

Derry.

Aug 4: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Zurich.

Aug 7: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Monte Carlo;

Spain v Great Britain v Italy v France, the, Aug 13-22: World championships, Stuttgart. Stuttgart.
Aug 25: IAAF invitation, Linz, Austria.
Aug 25: IAAF Mobil grand prix, Berlin.
Aug 28: Under-20 international, Italy v
Great Britain v Hungary, Verona.
Aug 28-29: Ukraine v England, Kiev.
Aug 28-29: Ukraine v England, Kiev.
Aug 29: IAAF invitation, Sheffield.
Sept 1: IAAF invitation, Koblenz.
Sept 1: IAAF Muhali orand prix, Britseale.

Sept 3: IAAF/Mobil grand prix, Brussels. Sept 7: IAAF invitation, Rieti, Italy. Sept 10: IAAF/Mobil grand prix final, Crystal Palace.
Sept 17: Hungary v Ukrame v Russia v Great Britain, Salgotarjan.
Sept 19: IAAF invitation, Tokyo, Japan.
Sept tba: Great North Run.
Oct 3: World half-merathon champ-Oct 31: World Cup marathon, San

BADMINTON

Mar 17-20: Yonex All-England open championships, Wembley Arena. Apr 25-26: Royal Bank ICC first and second division finals: third division play May 31-June 6: World championships, NIA, Birmingham. June 19: EBU circuit masters finals.

BASEBALL

April 5: Opening Day. July 13: 84th Major League All-Star Geme, Baltimore. Oct 5: Major League championship series Degin. Oct 16: World Series begins.

BASKETBALL

Jan 9: National cups, quarter-finals.
Jan 17: NatWest Trophy Rnat, NIA
Birmingham.
Feb 28: National cups, finals, men and
women, Sheffield Arena.
Mar 10: Korac Cup, final, first leg:Ronchetti
Cup, final, first leg.
Mar 17: Korac Cup, final, second leg:
Ronchetti Cup, final, second leg.
Mar 24: Blue Circle all-star game, Granby
Halls, Leicester; Women's European
Cup, semi-finals.
Mar 25: Women's European Cup, final.
Apr 6: European Cup, final.
Apr 10: Carisberg national league, playoffs, first round.
Apr 13: European men's clubs
championships, semi-finals.

championships, semi-finals. Apr. 15: European championship, final, Apr 17: Carisberg national league, play

op 17: cansberg national league, play-offs, second round.

Apr 24-25: Men's national league, fourth division play-offs, Melton Mowbray.

May 1-2: Carlsberg championships, Wembley Arena.

May tha: European women's champion-ship, qualifying round. May toa: European women's champion-ship, qualifying round.

May 'tba: England men's International tournament, London.

June 23-July 4: Men's European championship finals, tba, Germany.

Aug 1-10: Commorwealth championships.

Kuala Lumpur.

Nov tba: European championships, semi-final round.

BOBSLEIGHING Jan 12-23: European championships, St

Monitz. Feb 8-21: World championships, Cervinia.

BOWLS

Indoor Feb 15-28: World championship, singles and pairs, Preston.

Mar 6-7: National inter-club chempionship,
semi-finals and final, Lawson Park, semi-finals and final, Lawson Park, Bedford. Mar 15-19; British Isles chempionships and International series, Swansea. Mar 25-Apr 2: EWIBA championships, Stevenage.

Apr 3: Yetton Trophy women's inter-club chemoionship, semi-finals and final,

Stevenage. Mar 27-Apr 3: EIBA championships, Meton Mowtray. Apr 4: Liberty Trophy, Melton Mowbray. Outdoor June 25-27: Women's international series

and British Isles championships, Ayr.
July 5-9: Men's international series and
British Isles championships, Worthing.
July 28-Aug 7: EWBA championships, Learnington. Aug 8-20: EBA championships, Worthing. Aug 17-28: Hastings men's open

Aug 21: Middleton Cup, semi-finals and final Worthing.

Aug 28-29: Junior international series,
Cumbria: Women's junior international series, Portrush. Sept 14-15: National mixed fours, Norwich. Sept 14-15: Ashbourne national mixed



Liz McColgan: defends her world championship crown

BOXING

Arrateur
Jan 28: Scotland v England, Scotland.
Feb 5: Ireland v England, Dublin.
Apr 3: English championship, semi-finals,
Blackbird Leys LC, Oxford.
Apr 13: British championship, semi-finals,
Gateshead LC.
May 5: ABA finals, NEC, Birmingham,
May 5-17: World championships,
Tampere, Finland.

Professional
Jan 2: European light-weiterweight
champiorship, Valery Kayumba (Fr) v
Pat Barrett (GB), Luxembourg,
Jan 9: WBA super-middleweight
champiorship, Michael Nurm (US) v
Victor Cordoba (Panama), Puerto Rico.
Jan 13: European bantamweight
champiorship, Vincenzo Belcastro (II) v
Dornie Hood (GB), Milan,
Jan 16: Heavyweight bouts, George
Foreman (US) v Pierre Coetzer (SA),
Tommy Morrison (US) v Carl Williams
(US), Reno, Newada,
Jan 19: European flyweight championship,
Robbie Regan (GB) v Danny Porter (GB),
National Ice rink, Cardiff,
Jan 28: WBC international middleweight
championship, Chns Pyatt (GB) v Danny
Garcia (US), Granby Halls, Lelcester,
Jan 29: British super-leatherweight
championship, Neil Haddock v Steve
Walter, Eventon Park SC,
Jan 30: WBC international heavyweight
champlonship, Herble Hide (GB) v
Danny Stonewalker (US); **Professional**

Commonwealth light-middfweight chemploriship, Micky Hughes (GB) v Loyd Honeyghan (GB), Brantwool LC. Feb 3: WBC leatherweight chempionship, Paul Hodkinson (GB) v Ricardo Cepeda

(US), York Hall, London.
Feb 6: WBA and IBF heavyweight championship: Ricdick Bowe (US) v Michael Dokes (US).
Feb 11: European cruiserweight championship, Akim Tafer (Fr) v Derak Appel (ISR) New York

champonship, Akim Tafer (Fr) v Derak
Angol (GB), Nice.
Feb 20: WBC light-welterweight
championship, Julio Cesar Chavez (Mex)
v Greg Haugen (US); WBC lightmiddleweight championship, Teny
Nords (US) v Simon Brown (Jem); WBC
middleweight championship, Julian
Jackson (US) v Gerald McCleilan (US);
WBC super-featherweight Jackson (US) v Gerald McClellan (US);
WBC super-featherweight
championiship, Azumah Netson (Ghane)
v Gebriel Ruelas (Mex). All in Mexico City.
Feb 20: WBO super-middleweight
championiship, Chris Eubank (GB) v
Lindell Holmes (US), Olympia.
Mar 6: WBC wetterweight championiship,
James McGirt (US) v Pennell Whateker
(US), Medison Square Garden, New
York: WBC super-middleweight
championiship, Nigel Benn v opponent
libe, Glasgow.

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Jan 2-6: Australia v West Indies, ifhird Test, Sydney, New Zealand v Pakistan, Test match, Hartilton; South Africa v India, touth Test, Cape Town.
Jan 3-5: Delhi v England XI, Fandabad.
Jan 8-10: Indian Board President's XI v England XI, Lucknow.
Jan 9: Pakistan v West Indies, World Senes Cuo, Brishane.

Lan 9: Pokistan v Weet Indies, World Senes
Cup, Brisbane.
Jan 10: Australia v West Indies, World
Series Cup, Brisbane.
Jan 12: Australia v Pahistan, World Series
Cup, Melibourne,
Jan 13: Indien Board President's XI v England XI, Delhi: Jan 14: Australia v Pakistan, World Series

Cup, Sydney.
Jan 16: India v England, first one-day international, Ahmedebad; World Series Cup, first final, Sydney.
Jan 18: India v England, second one-day international, Jaipur, World Series Cup, second final, Melbourne.
Jan 20: World Series Cup, third final (if courser). recurred). Melbourne. required), mesocume.
Jan 21: India v England, third one-day international, Chandigath.
Jan 23-25: Indian Under-25 XI v England

Jan 23-27: Australia v West Indies, fourth Test, Adelaide. Jan 29-Feb 2: India v England, first Test, Calcutta. Jan 30-Feb 3: Australia v West Indies, fifith Test, Parth.
Jan 31: New South Wales XI v England A
XI, Bowral.
Feb 2-4: ACT v England A XI, Canberra.
Feb 5-7: v Rest of India XI v England XI,

Vishakhapatnam. Feb 7: Tasmania v England A XI, Launcesion. Feb 8-10: Tasmania v England A XI, . Launceston. Feb 9: South Africa v Pakistan, triangular reo s. Souri Amica v Parassan, manguar series, Durban. Feb 11: South Africa v West Indies, triangular series. Port Elizabeth. Feb 11-15: India v England, second Test, Martres.

Madras. Fab 13: Pakistan v West Indies; tnangutar Feb 13: Faustrain v viest moles, thangular series, Johannesburg. Feb 13-16: Australian Cricket Academy v England A X, Melbourne. Feb 15: South Africa v Pakistan, triangular series, East London.

Feb 17: South Africa v West Indies, triangular series, Cape Town. Feb 19: Pekistan v West Indies, triangular series, Durban. Feb 19-22: Queensland v England A XI, Caloundra. Feb 19-23: India v England, third Test, Bombay. Feb 21: South Africa v Pakistan, triangular series, Verwoerdburg. Feb 23: South Africa v West Indies,

handlar series, Bloemforten.
Feb 25: Pakistan v West Indies, triangular series, Cape Town.
Feb 25-Mar 1: New Zealand v Australia, first Test, Christchurch, ab 26: India v England, fourth one-d international, Bangalore. Feb 26-Mar 1: South Australia v England A XI, Adelaide. Feb 27: Triangular series, final,

reo 27: Inanguer senes, max, Johannesburg. Mar 1: India v England, fifth one-day international, Jamshedour. Mar 4-7: New South Wales v England. A XI, Sydney. Mar 4-8: New Zealand v Australia, second Mar 4-b: New Zeatenio v Australia, Scholi-Test, Wellington.
Mar 5: India v England, sixth one-day International, Delhi.
Mar 10: Sri Lanke v England, first one-day International, Colombo (day/night); Northern Territory XI v England A XI, Alice Souriers

Springs. Mar 12: Western Australia XI v England A XI, Perth. Mar 12-16: New Zealand v Australia, third Test, Auckland. Mar 13-18: Sri Lanka v England, Test

Mer 19: New Zealand V Australia, first one-day international, Dunedin.

Mar 20: Sri Lanka v England, second one-day international, Moratuwa
Mar 21: New Zealand v Australia, second one-day International, Christchurch,
Mar 23: West Indies v Pakistan, first one-day international, Kronston, Jernaka

day international, Kingston, Jamaica. Mar 24: New Zealand v Australia, third one-day international, Wellington, Mar 28: West Indies v Paldstan, second one-day international, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

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Mar 26-30: Sheffield Shield, final.

Mar 27: New Zealand v Australia, fourth one-day international, Hamilton; West Indies v Pakistan, third one-day international, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

Mar 28: New Zealand v Australia, fifth one-day international, Auckland.

Mar 30: West Indies v Pakistan, fourth one-day international, Arnos Vale, St Vincent.

Apr 3: West Indies v Pakistan, fifth one-day international, Georgetown, Guyena.

Apr 15-20: West Indies v Pakistan, first Test, Port-oi-Spain, Trinidad.

Apr 23-28: West Indies v Pakistan, second Test, Bridgetown, Barbados.

May 1-8: West Indies v Pakistan, third Test, St John's, Antique.

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English season
Apr 14: First-class season starts.
Apr 22-25: Essex v England A, Tetley Bitter
Shield, Chelmstord.
Apr 27: Benson and Hedges Cup, preliminary round.

Apr 29: Britannic Assurance championship starts.

May 2: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v Australians, Aundel. May 9: Axa Equity & Law League starts. May 11: Benson and Hedges Cup, first

Tound.
May 19: England v Australia, Texaco
Trophy, Old Trafford.
May 21: England v Australia, Texaco
Trophy, Edgbaston.
May 25: England v Australia, Texaco
Trophy, Lord's.
May 25: Benson and Hedges Cup, quanter-

finals. June 3-7: England v Australia, first Cominal Test, Old Trafford. June 8: Benson and Hedges Cup, semifinals.
June 17-21: England v Australia, second
Comhill Test, Lord's.
June 22: NatWest Trophy, first round.
June 29: Eton v Hamow, Lord's.
June 30-July 2: Oxford v Cambridge,
June 30-July 2: Oxford v Cambridge,

Luly 1-6: England v Australia, third Combill Test, Trent Bridge. July 7: NatWest Trophy, second round. July 10: Benson and Hedges Cup, final, Lord's.

July 10: Benson and Hedges Cup, final, Lord's. July 22-26: England v Australia, fourth Cornhill Test, Headingley, July 27: NetWest Trophy, quarter-finals. Aug 1: Women's World Cup final, Lord's. Aug 5-9: England v Australia, fifth Comhill Test, Edgbeston. Aug 10: NatWest Trophy, semi-finals. Aug 19-23: England v Australia, such Cornhill Test, The Oval. Aug 25: Minor Counties Innockour final, Lord's. Aug 27: NCA club chempionship final, Lord's. Aug 29: Rothmans village chempionship.

Lord's.
Aug 29: Rothmans village champlonship, final, Lord's.
Sep 4: NatWest Trophy final, Lord's.
Sep 16-20: Britannic Assurance championship, final round of metches.
Sep 19: Ava Equity & Law League, final round of matches.

CROQUET

May 29-June 1: Inter-county championships, Southwick and June 5-6: Home internationals, Budleigh June 15-20: Men's and women's championships Cheltenham championships, Chelterham, July 18-25: British Open championship, Hurtingham and Futham. Sept 18-19: President's Cup, Hurtingham and Futham.

CYCLING.

Jan 3: National cyclo-cross Jan 3: National cyclo-cross championships Wolverhampton.
Jan 30-31: World cyclo-cross championships, Pordenone, taby.
May 30-June 12: Mulk Race Tour of Britan.
June 25: Manx international road race June 27: Nanonal professional road-race championship, iste of Man.
July 3-25: Tour of France
July 4: National team time-mal, Indie Sociand.
July 11: National amateur chieram.

championship, Wigan; National women's road race championship, Northampton-

soure.
July 23-31: National track championship,
Leicester.
Aug 6-8: BMBF national championships.
Aug 9-13: Kelloggs' professional Tour cl
Britain. ытал, Aug 15: Leeds classic professional world

Aug 17-29: World senior championships, tha Norway. Sept 26: National amateur road race Derbyshire. Oct 16: World Cup final, France.

DISABLED SPORT

June 5-12: National senior wheelchair games, Stoke Mandeville. uly 2-13: World Stoke Mandeville Games. July 5-11: French Open terms championshup. Pens championship, Pans.
July 24-Aug 3: 17th World Games for the Deaf, Sofia, Bulgaria. championship, Notingham.

Aug 20-29: IFDS world sailing championships, Boston. Aug 24-Sept 1: European athletics championships, Stoke Mandeville.
Oct 8-17: US Open tennis championships, Irvine, California.

*EQUESTRIANISM

May 1-3: Hermes Goodwood international May 1-3: Permes Goodwood international cressage championships.

May 8-9: Bediminton horse trials.

May 13-16: Windeor horse driving trials.

May 20-23: Nations' Cup. Hickstead.

May 27-30: Brittarry Ferries Windsor horse

June 10-13: Toyota Bramham three-day-July 8-11: Royal International horse show, Aug 14-15: Gatcombe Park horse trials.
Aug 28-29: Hickstead Derby.
Sept 2-5: Burghley Remy Martin horse trials.
Sept 4: Southwell European endurance characterists.

championships. Sept 16-19: Blenheim Audi three-day-Oct. 6-10: Horse of the Year Show, Wambley (provisional). Dec 16-20: Olympia international show jumping championships.

FENCING

Jan 9-10: British cadet championships.
Jan 16-17: Scottish Open.
Jan 23-24: Northern Ireland Open.
Jan 30-31: British men's epee championship.
Mar 6: Challenge Mantini men's epee A-grade international, World Cup series.
Mar 27-28: British sabre championships, men and women.

men and women.
Apr 10-11: Birmingham International.
Apr 24-25: Ipswich Cup women's épee Agrade international, World Cup series.
May 1: Corble Cup international men's May 8-9: British toil championships, men and women.

May 22: British men's apee open championship.

July 1-11: World championships, Essen.

Nov 13-14: Welsh Open.

FOOTBALL

Jan 2: FA Cup, third round. Jan 5-6: Coca-Cota Cup, lifth round. Jan 9: Tennents Scottish Cup, third round.

Europe ready to regain the Cup

By MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK Faldo hopes to turn his impossible dream into reality by wirming the four major champi onships in one year, but he knows that the highlight of the sporting calendar will be the Ryder Cup at The Belfry on September 24 to

"I have my own personal goals. although the importance of the Ryder Cup cannot be understat-ed," Faldo said. "It is a wonderful match and I'll be looking forward to trying to help Europe win the Cup back."

Faldo made his debut in the Ryder Cup in 1977 in the days when it was a foregone conclusion that the United States would win. Jack Nicklaus felt then that the future of the match was in doubt and he called for continental players to be included. The renaissance of the competi-

tion has subsequently been well documented. Tony Jacklin was made captain in 1983 and, at The Belfry two years later, he led Europe, inspired by Severiano Baliesteros and Faldo, to a famous victory over the Americans for the first time since 1957. Europe retained the Cup, spon-

sored again this year by Johnnie Walker, in 1987, winning on American soil for the first time, and again in 1989, when the match finished in a tie at The Belfry. The United States regained Samuel Ryder's elegant golden chalice at Kiawah Island in 1991. Bernard Gallacher, Jacklin's

successor as Europe's captain, is looking forward with confidence to The Belfry. He accepts it will be an evenly-balanced match and his hope is that it will unfold in the most convivial of atmos-"I must admit I've got butter-

flies already and the match is still more than eight months away," he said. "It seems only like



to regain the Ryder Cup at The Belfry in September

yesterday that we went down to the last putt at Kiawah Island. I know all the players are determined as I am to win the Cup back and we are looking forward to strong, fair support at The Belify."

Tom Watson, five times the Open champion, is the United States captain. He said: "Intensity has made the Ryder Cup a topticket event, a major if you like. I hope the United States plays its best at The Belfry and, even if we don't, then the chances are we will take the Cup back with us." Faldo, however, remembers

that he beat Watson in the singles in 1977 when both played in the match for the first time. Faldo has a hectic schedule for 1993 with Augusta (The Masters), Baltusrol (US Open). Royal St George's (Open Championship) and Inverness (US PGA Championship) his main ports of call, but by September he will have his thoughts trained, like so many, exclusively on The Beilty.

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Those spectators fortunate enough to be there — only 27,500 tickets are available - will find viewing much improved. Dave Thomas, the former Ryder Cup player, has significantly tightened the course and overseen the building of huge mands to facilitate viewing.

Ryder Cup tickets will be issued subject to availability and appli-cations should be made to The Ryder Cup Box Office, RC93 Tickets. Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B76 9PT (Tel: 0675 475475). The costs of a season ticket is £100.00 for an adult and £60 for senior citizens and children under 16. Daily tickets are E35 for adult and £21 for senior citizens and children under 16. Details of Ryder Cup patronage packages can be obtained from the same address (Quote RC93 Patrons, Tel 0675 47500).

May 1-2: Bertshire Trophy, The Bertshire, Lytham Trophy, Royal Lytham and St. Annes. May: 6-9: Benson and Hedges International Open, St. Melton May 13-16: Peugeot Spanish Open, RAC Medind: Japan PGA championship. Shorte Shallout CC:

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May 14-16: Brabason Trophy, Stoneham
May 20-23: Lance Martin Italian Open.
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May 25-30: Amateur championiship, Roya! Portrush and Dunluce and Valley

May 28-31: Volvo PGA championship

wentworth June 3-6: Dunhill British Masters, Watsum

June 3-6: Dunhill British Masters, Woburn Memorial (ournament (US Tour), Martield Village, Othio June 10-13: Carrolls Insh Open, Mount Juliet, Co. Killenny: Burck Chesic (US Tour), Westchester, New York, June 17-20: US Open, Baitusral, Springfield, New Jersey, Jersey European Anways Open, La Move June 24-27: Paginepot Freigh Owen La

June 24-27: Paugeot French Open, Le National Pans June 30-July 3: Monte Carlo Open, Mont

dune 30-July 3; Monte Cano Open, Maria Agel.

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June 30-July 4: European men's team championship. Marianske Lasne, Czechoslavaka.

July 7-10: Bell's Scottish Open, Gleneagles

July 8-11: US Senior Open, Cherry Hills.
Englewood, Colorado

July 11-12: Open Championship final
qualifying, Royal Chique Ports, Princes.

Littlestone and North Foreland

July 15-18: Open Championship Royal St

Jan 23: FA Cup, fourth round Feb 6: Tements Scottish Cup, fourth round Feb 10: Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals, first

ieg Feb 13: FA Cup, fifth round Feb 13: FA Cup, fifth round Feb 16: Llefa under-21 championship, Scotland v Malta (group one), England v San Marino (group two), Feb 17: World Cup, Scotland v Malta (group one), England v San Marino (group two), Albania v Northern Ireland

Mar 2-3: European Cup Champions' League; European Cup Winners' Cup and Ueta Cup, quarter-linals, list legs. Mar 6: FA Cup, swith round; Tennents Scottish Cup, firth round. Mar 10: Coca-Cola Cup, semi-finals, second legs.
Mar 16-17: European Cup Champions'

League: European Cup Winners' Cup and Ueta Cup, cluarter-finals, second

and Uea Cup, quantar-mais, securio legs.

Mar 24: Scotland v Germany, forox.

Mar 30: Uefa under-21 championship:
Turkey v England (group two), Belgium v
Wales (group lour),

Mar 31: World Cup, Turkey v England
(group two), Republic of Ireland v
Northem Ireland (group three), Wales v
Belgium (group four).

Apr 3: Tennems Scotlish Cup, semi-finals.

Apr 4: FA Cup, semi-finals. Apr 4: FA Cup, semi-finals.

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Apr 6-7: European Cup Champions'
League; European Cup Winners' Cup
and Uefa Cup, semi-finals, first legs.

Apr 18: Coca-Cola Cup, final. Apr 27: Uefa under-21 championship.
Portugal v Scotland (group one), England
v Holland (group two), Republic of
Ireland v Denmark (group three),
Crechoslovaida v Wales (group four).

Any 28: World Cup Profugal v Scotland Apr 28: World Cup, Portugal v Scotland (group one), England v Holland (group two), Republic of Ireland v Denmark (group three), Spain v Northern Ireland (group three), Czechostovakia v Wales

(group timee), Czechoslovakia v Wales (group four). Apr 20-21: European Cup Champions' League; European Cup Winners' Cup and Uela Cup, simal, first leg. May 8: FA Vase, fired, Wembley, May 9: FA Trophy, fired, Wembley, May 12: European Cup Winners' Cup, final, Idaa

toa.

May 15: FA Cup, final, Wembley.

May 19: Uela Cup, final, second leg; World
Cup, Estonia v Scotland (group one).

May 25: World Cup, Lithuania v Northern
Ireland (group three): Uela under-21
championship, Albania v Republic of
Ireland (group three).

May 26: European Cup, final, tba; World
Cup, Albania v Republic of Ireland (group
three).

three).

May 28: Uefa under-21 championship, Poland v England (group two).

May 28: Tenerits Scottish Cup, final; World Cup: Poland v England (group two).

Barclays League, third division, play-off final, Wembley.

May 30: Barclays League, second division, play-off final, Wembley.

May 31: Barclays League first division. May 31: Barclays League, first division,

piay-off timal, Warmbley.

June 1: Uefa under-21 chempionship,
Norway v England (group two)
June 2: World Cup, Scotland v Estona
(group one), Norway v England (group
two), Latva v Northern tretand (group
three).

June 6: Ward Common Street June 6: World Cup. Fasroe Islands v Wales (group four), England open lour of United States.

June 9: World Cup, Latvia v Republic of Ireland (group three). June 16: World Cup, Lithuania v Republic of treland (group threat).
Aug 7: FA Chanty Shield, Wembley.
Oct 13: World Cup. Holland v England (group two) Nov 16: World Cup, San Marino v England

(group two).

Nov 17: World Cup, Matta v Scotland (group one), Northern Ireland v Republic of Ireland (group three). Wales v Romania (group four).

Dec 17 or 18: Draw for Fifa World Cup

GOLF

Jan 4-5: Alfred Dunhill Cup, European qualifying, Massane, Franca. Jan 6-10: President's Putter, Rye GC, Jan 7-10: US Tournament of Champions,

Carisbad, California.

Jan 14-17: Madeira Island Open, Santa Cruz, Functial.

Jan 28-31: The Heineken Classic (Australian Tour), The Vines, Western Australia; Dubal Desert Classic Feb 4-7: Johnnie Walker Classic, Singapore Singapore.
Feb 11-14: South Airican Open, Cape Town; New Zealand Open, Paraparaumu Beach; Turespana Tenerife Open, Golf

del Sur.
Feb 18-21: Australian Masters,
Huntingdale, Victona; Moroccan Open,
Royal Dar-es-Salam, Rabat
Feb 25-28: South Aircan Masters, tba; Turespana Masters, tba. lar 4-7: Mediterranean Open. El Saler,

Valencia.
Mar 11-14: Turespana Baleanc Open.
Santa Ponsa, Majorca.
Mar 12: Roehampton Gold Cup
Mar 16-19: Sunningdale loursomes. Mar 16-19: Sunningdale loursomes. Sunningdale. Mar 18-21: Portuguese Open, Vila Sol.

Mar 18-21: Portuguese Open, Vila Sol. Algane.
Mer 25-28: US Players' championship. Ponte Vedra, Flonda: ProServ-Tour Iraly, Cervia. Bologna, Apr 1-4: Lyons Open, Vilette d'Anthon. Apr 2-4: Central England Open men's foursomes, Woodhall Spa. Apr 8-11: The Masters. Augusta, Georgia Apr 15-18: Rome Masters. Castelgandolfo Apr 22-25: Catalan Open, Barcelona. Apr 24-25: West of England stroke play. Saunton. Apr 29-May 2: Credit Lyonnais Cannes Open, Cannes Mougins; Alfred Dunnill Cup, qualifying, Taiper

July 15-18: Open Championship Royal St George's July 20-22: Carris Trophy (Govs), Meor Park
July 22-25: Herneken Dutch Open,
Noordwijkse, Leiden,
July 26-31: English Amateur
Championship, Saunton, Scottish
Amateur Championship, Royal Dannech,
July 29-Aug 1: Scandinavian Masters,
Forsgadens, Gothenburg
Aug 5-8: BMW International Open, Munich
Aug 12-15: US PGA Championship,
Invertiess, Toledo, Oho, Austrian Open,
Guf Affentann, Salchurg
Aug 18-19: Walker Cup, Edina, Mannesota,
Aug 18-2: Murphy & English Open, Forest
of Arden

of Arden
Aug 24-29: US Amateur Championship.
Champions, Houston, Texas.
Aug 26-29: Volvo Gurman Open,
Hubberrath, Disseldorf: World Soried of
Golf (US Touri, Firestone, Akran, ChoAug 26-29: International European
Amateur Championship, Dalmahov
Sopt 2-5: Canon European Masters.
Charis Luit Serrer, Switzerland.
Sept 3-4: English champion of the

Sept 3-4: English champon cur-tournument Rotherham Sopt 8-10: Home internationals Royal Livercoad Woman's amatical home Sopi 9-12: GA European Open, East Supplie National Canadian Open IUS רוונים ביות אולינים ושינו (שינו Sopt 16-19: Land Jame Trophy, Sont Nem to Breache Pares



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Gooch is eager to set record straight

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ONLY in England, where indigestion from too much one-day cricket has been stubbornly and sensibly avoided, can a series of six Test matches still command top billing in a summer's sport.

The 1993 Ashes contest, the iewel in the crown of a revamped domestic programme featuring exclusively four-day cricket in the county championship, is a case in point. Eagerly awaited by those who play, promote and simply watch the game, it is so mouth-watering a prospect that Graham Gooch, the England captain, was avidly discussing it even before leaving for the winter tour of India this week.

Gooch's greatest remaining ambition is to regain the Ashes and, as his fortieth birthday falls during the Headingley Test match, it is safe to say this is his last chance. Standing against him, barring a coup, will be Allan Border, two years younger and a long-time friendly foe. The last hurrah of these two enduring characters will be a poignant feature of as intriguing a series as has been staged in this country for years.

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Gooch first played against Australia in 1975, when he was out for nought in each innings of the Edghaston Test. Most of those who played in that game have long since retired to the commentary box, but Gooch is perhaps only now at the peak of his powers and stands in the powerful position of knowing the captaincy will be his for as long as be wants it.

As for Border, once a colleague of Gooch's at Essex, this will be his fifth Ashes series as Australian captain. He lost the first two, but then piloted resounding wins, by 4-0 and 3-0. The latter result, two winters ago, drove Gooch to despair and close to resignation; it is that memory

Sept 24-26; Ryder Cup, The Belfry. Sept 30-Oct 3: Mercedes German

Masters, tha. Oct 7-10: Japan Open, Biwako; Piaget

Open, Royal Zoute, Belgium. Oct 14-17: Alfred Dunhill Cup, St Andrews: Honda Open, Gut Kaden, Hamburg. Oct 21-24: Toyola World Match Play

Cor 21-26: Oyota wono Match Play Championship, Wentworth: Bridgestone-Open (Japan Tour), Sodegaura. Oct 26-31: US Tour Championship, The Olympic Club, San Francisco; Iberia Madrid Open, Ibe.

Nov 4-7: Yolvo Masters, valuerraria. Nov 11-14: World Cup by Philip Morris, the; Heineken World Cup, Lake Nona, Florida; Taihelyo Masters (Japan Tour), Taihelyo, Gotenba. Nov 18-21: Dunlop Phoenix (Japan Tour).

Nov 4-7: Volvo Masters, Valderrama

June 18-20: Skovenian Open, Bled. June 25-27: European Masters, toa.

July 8-11: Hennessy Cup. Cologne, Germanu

Germany.
July 29-Aug 1: European Open, tha.
Aug 12-15: British Open, Woburn.
Aug 19-22: IBM Open, Stockholm.
Sept 2-5: English Open, Macclesfield.
Sept 16-19: Illehan Open, tha.

Oct 1-3: Austrian Open, Schladming. Oct 14-17: European Matchplay, tha.

Mar 13-14: British Individual championships, Blatchley.
Apr 12-18: World championships, Bismingham May 8-9: Wormen's open fearm championships, Bognor Regis, June the: European Cup, Brussels.
Oct 2-3: Senior British women's championships, Crawley.
Oct 8-10: British men's championships, the.

Other dates

Ashburnham.

Dec 16-19: Championship, toa.



Friendly foe: Border will test England once again

which has driven him on to one more series.

On paper, and at such long range, batting appears the heavyweight strength of both teams. Whether or not David Gower returns to try to add to his nine Ashes centuries, Eng-. land have an enviable top six, with Mike Gatting still in his prime and Graeme Hick surely about to fulfil himself.

Australia are beginning to introduce a new generation, led by Damien Martyn, to challenge their weil-established order. Dean Jones has lost his assured place but will still tour, along with familiar names like Boon, Taylor and the Waugh brothers, and some which will be fresh to an English audience.

Spin bowling is one area in which Gooch's side should have a distinct advantage. Indeed, the burgeoning skill of Philip Tufnell and Ian Salisbury, shepherded by the old hand, John Emburey. is as good a reason as any for looking forward to the summer Tests, which begin at Old Trafford, Manchester, on June 3. and conclude with the traditional finale at the Oval, late in August.

HANG GLIDING

June 6-26: World championships, Borlange, Sweden.
June 26-July 10: World championships.
Owen's Valley, Celifornia.
Owen's Valley, Celifornia. Enstone, Oxfordshire.

July 24-Aug 1: Standard class British nationals, Lasham, Hampshire.

July 24-Aug 6: Women's European championships, Budejovice.

Czechoslovakia.

Aug 7-Aug 15: 15m class British nationals, Husbands Bosworth.

HOCKEY

Phoenix Country Club. Nov 25-28; Casio World Open (Japan Tour), Ibusuki, Kamon. Deo 16-19: Johnnie Walker World Men
Jan 22: Indoor club finals, Crystal Palace.
Feb 6: Royal Benk of Scotland Cup,
quarter-finals.
Feb 19-21: Europeen indoor club
championship, Vienna.
Mar 21: Royal Bank of Scotland Cup, semifinals. Jan 14-17: World classic, Kelab Rahman Putra, Maleysia Feb 26-28: New Year's Open, Buenos finals.

Apr 2-4: National Inter-league tournament

Olton and West Warwicks. Aires. May 29-31: Leiden Open, Rijswijk, Holland.

Apr 9-12: European Cup Winners' Cup. Birmingham, Apr 16-18: Norwich Union county chamolonship, finals, Cannock. Apr 24: Pizza Express national league, play-offs.
May 2: Royal Bank of Scotland Cup. final,
Million Keymes.

May 28-31: European club championship, Division A, Brussels; Division B, Havant, June 4-8: Four nations' tournament, Dublin.
July 3-11: Champions' Trophy, Kuala Lumper. Aug 18-29: Intercontinental Cup, Poznan, Poland. Nov 5-12: Asia Cup, Hiroshima. June 8-12: Women's British Amaleur Open Championship, Royal Lytham and St

July 22-25: US Women's Open, Crooked Jen 8-10: Indoor European cup, Crystal ilece. 19-21: European indoor club reo 18-21: curopean indoor club championship, tba. Mar 28: AEWHA Cup, quarter-finals. Apr 3-12: European Cup Winners' cup, tba. Apr 18: AEWHA Cup, semi-finals. Apr 23-25: Home countries tournament,

Sucx, Carmer, inclants.
Aug 10-12: Girl's ameleur internationals,
Helensburgh.
Aug 18-20: Women's British amateur open
stroke play championship, Gullane.
Sept. 28-29: Senior women's British
amateur open championship,
Ashburgham Sept tha: Weetabix women's amateu British open, Woburn Wajes.
May 2 or 16: AEWHA Cup, final, Milton Keynes.
May 8-8: County Trophy, finals, Bracknell.
May 30-31: National League, second division play-offs, Old Loughtonians.
May 28-31: European club championship.
10a. GYMNASTICS Feb 20-21: National team championships, Liverpool. Mar 13-14: British individual

ICE HOCKEY

Jan 30: Home International chempionship: Jan 30: Home International Chempionship: England v Scotland, Sheffield Arena Feb 8-8: Great Britain v Norway, iba. Mar 25-Apr 4: World championships, pool B, Einchoven. Apr 18-May 2: World championships, Pool

A, Munich and Dortmund. Apr 28-25: Heineken national championships, Wembley Arena.

ICE SKATING.

Jan 12-17: European figure and dance championship, Helsinki. Jan 22-24: European speed championship, Heerenveen, Holland. Feb 6-7: World women's speed championship, Berlin.
Feb 13-14: World men's speed championship, Norway.
Mar 9-14: World figure and dance championship, Prague. Mar 26-28: World short-track speed championship, Beijing.

British championship dates to be announced.

JUDO

Mar 6: BSJA national team championships, Torquay.

Apr 3: British Open, Birmingham.

Apr 24: National individual open championships, Birmingham.

Apr 29-May 2: European individual championships Athens. Sept. 30-Oct. 4: World Cup, Hamilton. Canada. Oct 23-24: European team cup, Frankfurt. Dec 4-5: National senior championships. Crystal Palace.

MOTORCYCLING

Grand prix world championship
Mar 28: Australian, Eastern Creek.
Apr 4: Malaysian, Sheh Alam.
Apr 18: Japanese, Suzuka.
May 2: Spanish, Jérez.
May 16: Austrian, Salzburgring.
May 30: Belgian, Francorchamp.
June 20: German, Hockenheim.
June 27: European, Cetalunya.
July: Franch. cancelled.
Aug 1: British, Donington.
Sept 5: Italian, Misano.
Sept 19: Canadian, Montreal.
Oct 3: South African, Kyalami.

Other dates May 22: BMF Rally, East of England Showground, Peterborough. May 31-June 11: Isle of Man TT recss.

MOTOR RACING

Formula One grands prix Mar 14: South African, Kyelami. Mar 28: Brazi, Interlagos. Apr 11: European, Donington Park. Apr 25: San Marino; Imola. May 9: Spanish, Barcelona. 23: Monaco, Monte Carlo July 11: Canadian, Montreal. July 11: British, Silversione. July 25: German, Hockenheim. Aug 15: Hungerian, Budapest.
Aug 15: Hungerian, Budapest.
Aug 29: Belgian, Spa-Francord
Sept 12: Italian, Monza.
Sept 26: Portuguese, Estorii,
Oct 24: Japanese, Suzuka.
Nov 7: Austraka, Adelaide.

British Formula Three championship Mar 21: Outton Park. Apr 4: Thruston. Apr 19: Brands Hatch. May 3: Donington. May 16: Brands Hatch. May 31: Silverstone. May 31: Silverstone. June 12: Outton Park. June 27: Donington. July 10: Silverstone. July 18: Doningron. Aug 8: Snetterton. Aug 22: Pembrey. Sept 5: Silverstone. Oct 3: Silverstone. Oct 10: Thruston.

June 19-20: Le Mans 24-hour race.

MOTOR RALLYING

World rally championship Jan 21-28: Monte Carlo. Feb 11-14: Swedish. Mer 2-7: Portuguese. Aor 8-13: Setari rally, Kenya. May 1-5: Tour of Corsica, France. May 29-June 3: Acropolis rally, Greece. May 25-fully 35 Autopula half, Greece July 14-17: Argentine.
Aug 4-8; New Zealand.
Aug 25-29: Thousand Lakes, Finland.
Sept 18-20: Australian.
Oct 10-14: Italian.
Nov 1-3: Spanish.
Nov 21-24: Lombard RAC.

Jan 1-16: Paris-Dekar rally Apr 17-May 16: London-Sydney rally. Aug 31-Sept 26: Paris-Beijing rally.

NETBALL

Jan 16: Wales v England, senior and under-21, Cardiff.
Feb 6: England v Republic of Ireland, senior and under-21, Guildford.
Feb 20: England v Scotland, senior and under-18, Rivermead SC, Berishire.
Mar 6-7: Federation of European Clubs tournament, Wales. Mar 27: Northern Ireland v England, senior Apr 17-18: Evian inter-county tournament,

POI:0 May 12-23: Prince of Wales Trophy. RCBPC. May 18-June 1: The Queen's Cup, Guards. June 12-Duly St Davidoff Gold Cup; British Open, Cowdray. June 29-July 3: Cirencester Champion

Cup.
July 17-18: Whitbread Cup, Rutland.
July 18: Laurent-Pertier inter-regimental
final, Guards; British Open
championship, Cowdray Park.
July 25: Carber international day, Guards.
Aug 3-15: National 15-goal championship,
Cirencester. Cirencester.
Aug 4-21: Beaufort Prince of Wales Trophy,
Beaufort.

Aug 5-8: Kirtington summer tournament. Aug 9-15: National 8-goal championship, Cheshrie. Aug 13-15: The Pony Club champtonship, Coworsy. Aug 17-29: Chettenhem Cup, Cirencester. Dec 13: HPA Arena International: England

POWERBOATING

Offshore world series

Other dates

May 2: France, the. May 16: Spain, the. May 30: Italy, the. Jun 24: Melta. Jul 11: Viareggio. Sep 5: Guernsey. Sep 12: Belgium, tha Oct 29: Dubai. Nov 5: United Arab Emirates infand circuit World championship (provisional) April 17-18; Durban. May 22-23; Milan. June 26-27: Chelon, France. Aug 32-Sep 1: London. Aug 19-20; Budapest. Sept 11-12: Toronto.

Aug 3-7: World 1.3-litre championship, Althallows. Sept 7-11: World 2-litre championship, Helsmki.

RACING

Jan-9: The Ladbroka, Leopardstown Jan 16: Victor Chandler Chase, Ascot. Jan 31: AIG Europe Insh Champion Hurdle, Feb 13: Tote Gold Trophy, Newbury, Feb 14: Hernessy Cognac Insh Gold Cup, Leopardstown

Leopardistown Feb 27: Racing Post Chase, Kempton Park.
Mer 16: Smurfit Champion Hurdle,
Cheltenham.
Mer 17: Queen Mother Champion Chase, Chellenham. Mar 18: Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. Cheltenham. Mar 27: William Hitl Lincoln, Doncaster.

Apr 3: Martell Grand National, Aintree. Apr 12: Jameson Insh Grand National, Feiryhouse. Apr 13: Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes,

Newmarket.

Apr 14: European Frée Hendicap,
Newmarket: The Times Rising Stars
Hunter Chaee Final, Worcester.

Apr 15: Craven Stakes, Newmarket.

Apr 16: Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling
Stakes, Newbury.

Apr 17: Singer And Friedlander Greenham
Stakes, Newbury. Scottish National, Ayr.

Apr 24: Whithread Gold Cup, Sandown
Park.

Apr 20: Madrosom 1000 Circ.

Park
Apr 29: Madagans 1,000 Guineas,
Newmarket.
Apr S0: Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket.
May 1: 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket.
Kentucky Detby, Churchill Downs.
May 4: Dalham Hall Chester Vase, Chester.
May 9: French 2,000 Guineas,

May 9: French 2,000 Guineas, Longchamp.
May 12: Horneowners Dante Stakes, York.
May 16: Airle-Coolmore Irish 2,000 Gurneas, Curragh; French 1,000 Gurneas, Longchamp.
May 22: Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas, Curragh.
June 3: Coronation Cup, Epsorn.
June 5: Gold Seal Oaks, Epsorn.
June 6: French Derby, Chantilly.
June 13: French Oaks, Chantilly.
June 15: St James's Palece Stakes, Royal Ascot.

Ascot.
June 16: Coronation Stakes, Royal Ascot.
June 17: Gold Cup, Royal Ascot.
June 18: King's Stand Stakes, Royal Ascot.
June 28: Newcastle Brown Ale
Northumberland Pleate, Newcastle
June 27: Budweiser frish Derby, Curragh.
July 3: Coral-Eclipse Stakes, Sandown
Park.

Dispass Col. Melania, Stakes

July 6: Princess Of Wales's Stakes. Newmarket July 6: Princess Or Wales's Stakes, Newmarket, July 7: July Stakes, Newmarket, July 8: July Cup, Newmarket, July 8: July Cup, Newmarket, July 10: Kildangan Stud Irish Oeks, Curragh, July 24: King George VI and Ousen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Ascot, July 27: William Hill Stawards' Cup, Goodwood, July 28: Sussey Stakes Conditional

July 28: Sussex Stakes, Goodwood. July 29: Schweppes Golden Goodwood.
July 30: Philip Comes Molecomb Stakes,
Goodwood. July 31: Vodafone Naeszu Stakes. Aug 17: Juddmonte International Stak

York.
Aug 18: Tote Ebor Handicap, York.
Aug 19: Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes,
York.
Aug 28: Celebration Mile, Goodwood.
Aug 29: Aflington Million, Chicago.
Sept 4: Spnnl Cup, Haydock Park.
Sept 8: Portland Handicap, Doncaster.
Sept 9: Doncaster Cup.
Sept 10: Laurent-Penier Champagne
Stakes, Doncaster.
Sept 11: Coeffie St. Lover, Doncaster.

Stakes, Doncaster.
Sept 11: Coalite St Leger, Doncaster.
Sept 12: Kerry Group Irish Champion
. Stakes, Leopardstown.
Sept 18: Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup.
Sept 18: Rokeby Farms Mill Reef Stakes,
Newbury; Jefferson Memorial frish St
Leger, Curragh.
Sept 25: Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, Ascot.
Sept 29: Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes.
Newmarker.

Oct 1: Newgate Stud Middle Park Stakes, Newmarket and Supreme Stakes, Newmarket and Supreme Stakes, Goodwood. Oct 2: William Hill Cambridgeshire, Oct 3: Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe,

Longchamp.
Oct 15: Dewhurst Stakes, Newmarket.
Oct 16: Dubai Champion Stakes and Tote Oct 16: Dubai Champion Stakes and 10te Cesarewitch, Newmarket:
Oct 23: Racing Post Trophy, Doncaster.
Oct 24: French St Leger, Longchamp.
Oct 26: Racecall Gold Trophy, Radicar.
Nov 2: Fosters Melbourne Cup.
Flemington.
Nov 8: William Hill November Handicap,
Doncaster: Breaders' Cup, Guitstream

Park.
Nov 13: Mackeson Gold Cup, Chellenham.
Nov 27: Hennessy Gold Cup, Newbury.
Nov 26: Japan Cup, Tokyo.
Dec 11: TriplePrint Gold Cup, Chellenham.
Dec 18: SGB Chase, Ascot.
Dec 27: King George VI Rank Chase,
Kempton Park.
Dec 28: Coral Welsh National, Chepstow
and Christmas Hurdle, Kempton Park.

RACKES ...

☐ Events et Queen's Club, unless sleted
Jan- 18: World challenge, first leg,
Philadelphia.
Jan 23: World challenge, second leg.
Feb 3-4: Open singles championship.
Mar 11-14: Amateur doubles championship.
Mar 20-21: National handicap singles,

 Events at Queen's Club, London, unless championship. Feb 26-27: Oxford v Cambridge,

May 24-28: European open doubles championship.

Mar 27: MCC all-comers final, Lord's.

Apr 16-18: Amateur doubles championship, The Oratory.

Apr 28-May 2: British women's open singles championship, Seacourt.

May 3-9: Professional singles championship, Holyport.

May 13-17: RTTC mesters invitation

BUGBY LEAGUE

Mar 13: Silk Cup Challenge Cup, itsi semi-final
Mar 27: Silk Cup Challenge Cup, second semi-final
Apr 2: Greal Britain v France, tba.
May 1: Silk Cup Challenge Cup, final
May 16: Stones Bitter Premiership finals, Old Trafford.

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July 2-3: British Commonwealth meeting. Bisley.

Bisley.
July 16-24; NRA annual championship,
Bisley.
July 28-Aug 1: European 300m
championship, Thun.
Aug 2-13: European smallbore
championship, Bro.
Aug 28-30: NSRA pistol championships,
Bisley.

Jan 22-31: Regal Welsh Masters, Newport. Feb 7-14: Benson and Hedges Masters. wennous conserved center.
Feb 15-21: European Open, Belgium.
Feb 22-Mar 7: British Open, Iba.
Mar 8-20: Asian Open, Thailand.
Mar 23-28: Benson and Hedges Irish
Masters, Goffs Complete, Co Kildare. Mar 30-Apr 12: Classic International Open. tba. Apr 17-May 3: Embassy world championship, Crucible, Sheffield.

SKING

World Cup . (DH-downhill: SG-super giant statom: GS-giant statom; SL-statom, CS-combined) Women Jan 5-6: Maribor, Slovenia (GS, SL).

Jan 9-10: Cortine, Italy (DH, SG).
Jan 9-10: Cortine, Italy (DH, SG).
Jan 15-17: Germisch-Partenkirchen,
Germany (DH, SG, SL, CS).
Jan 23-24: Haus, Austria (DH, DH. SL, CB).
Feb 27-28: Brigels, Switzerland (DH, SG).
Mar 6-7: Morzine, France (DH, SG).
Mar 13-14: Lillehammer, Norway (DH, SL,

Feb 3-14; Monoka, Japan.

SQUASH

Jan 14-19: English national championships, Manchester.
Jan 16-19: World superseries, finals, Switzerland.
Feb 17-22: Leekes Welsh Classic, Carolif.
Mar 18-22: Guernsey women's open.
Apr 14-19: HI-Tec British Open, London.

Apr 16-25: Open doubles championship. May 9: National league, final.

REAL PORTS Jan 8-10. Professional doubles

Feb 200-21. Committee Learnington.
Mar 13-21: Amateur singles championship.
Mar 14: Field Trophy, final, The Oratory.
Mar 24-28: European open doubles.

Putney to Montake. June 30-July 4: Henkey Royal Regatta. Aug 30-Sept 5: World championships, Roudnice, Czechoslovakia.

minary round. Carcassonne. Mar 13; Silk Cup Challenge Cup, first semi-

RUGBY UNION

A full list of the 1993 fixtures will

Feb 12-14: British air rifle championship. Wolverhampton. Feb 19-21: British air pistol championship, Wolverhampton.
Apr 10-12: Bisley Easter meeting.
May 7-9: LMRA open pistol champtonship,
Bisley. Bialey. May 27-30: NPA Pistol '93, Bisley. June 12: LMRA target rifle championship.

Bisiey.
Sept 24-26: British pistol club championship, Bisley.
Oct 2-3: LMRA open meeting, Bisley.

Jan 9-10: Garmisch-Partenkirchen Jan 9-10: Garmisch-Fartenikirchen, Garmary (DH, SL, CB). Jan 12: St. Anton, Austria (SG). Jan 16-17: Kitzbuhel, Austria (DH, SL, CB). Jan 18: Adelboden, Switzerland (GS). Jan 23-24: Wengen, Switzerland (DH, SL,

Feb 27-28: Mount Whistler, British Columbia (DH, SG). Mar 6-7: Aspen, Colorado (DH, SG). Mar 13-14: Slerna Nevada, Spain (DH, SL). Mar 20-21: Little Hammer, Norway (DH, SG). World championships

Apr 28-May 1: European team championships, France. Sept 18-25: Wormen's World Open, South Africa.

Mer 6: Women's Head of the River, River

Tharnes. Mar 20: Head of the River, River Tharnes. Mar 27: Oxford v Cambridge Boat Race,

Jan 2: Regal Trophy, first semi-final. Jan 9: Regal Trophy, second semi-final. Jan 16: Sifk Cup Challenge Cup. Jan 23: Regal Trophy, final.
Jan 30-31: Silk Cup Challenge Cup, first round. Feb 13-14: Silk Cup Challenge Cup. second round. Feb 27-28: Silk Cup Challenge Cup, Ihard round. Jar 7: France v Great Britain,

SHOOTING

SNOOKEE

Mar 15: Haffell, Norway (GS). Mar 20-21: Klovsjo-Verndalen, Sweden (GS, SL). Mar 24-26: Are, Sweden (DH, SG, GS, SL).

Mar 23: Oppdal, Norway (GS). Mar 25-28: Are, Sweden (DH, SG, GS, SL).

Oct 31-Nov 3: European Open, Germany, Nov 18-29: Men's world championship, Pakistan.

SWEETING

Jan 5-8: World Cup I, Shanghai. Jan 9-10: World Cup II, Peking. Jan 15-17: Speedo British grand pnx III, Lebeser Feb 6-7: World Cup III, Pars. Feb 9-10: World Cup IV, Malmo. Feb 18-14: World Cup V, Galsenkarchen,

Germany.
Feb 16-17: World Cup VI, Sheffield.
Feb 20-21: World Cup VII, Millan.
Feb 26-23: Speedo British grand pro: IV, High Wycombe. Mar 12-13: GB club learn championships.

Coventry.

Mar 13-14: British student championships. Mar 19-20: Four home nations tournament

Mar 19-20: Four home nations tournament, water poto. Sheffield Mar 20: Schoots international, Brecon. Mar 26-28: Speedo British grand prix V. East Kitbride.

Apr 1-4: European diving cup, Johkoping, Sweden.
Apr 8-10: Edinburgh international.
May 1-2: EC club champlonships, Athens.
May 1-2: British deep water championships, water polo, Walsall.
May 1-3: Speedo British grand prix final, Cardiff.
May 28-30: Tratatoar House Open, Leeds.

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May 29-30: Canet international. France.

June 4-6: GB masters championships.

Cardiff.

June 5-6: Monte Carlo international.

Morraco.
June 10-13: ASA national championships and European championship trials, Shelfield.
June 11-13: Seven Hills international, Rome. June 12: 3 and 5 mile (BLDSA), Rudyard.

June 20: 1.3 and 6 miles, Aylesbury, July 1-4: Scottish championships, Edinburgh July 24: Welsh championships, Cardiff July 3: B miles (BLDSA), Torbay, July 8-11: European junior championships, Instantial

July 8-11: European junior championships, Instanbul.
July 10: 6 miles (BLDSA), Bala.
July 11: 3 miles (BLDSA), Bala.
July 19-24: ASA age group championships, Leeds
July 8-19: World Student Games, Buffalo.
July 30-Aug 8: European championships, Sheffield.
Aug 18-22: World junior diving championships, Crystal Palace.
Aug 27-29: World junior synchro championships, Leeds.
Sept 2-5: European masters championships, suddefingen, Germany.
Sept 4: 10 5 miles, Lake Windermere.
Sept 12: Speedo league final.
Ozt 29-30: Schools championships.
Nov 6-7: National synchro championships,

Nov 6-7: National synchro championships, 13-14: European sprint championships, Gateshead.

Dec 2-5: First world short-course championships, Palma de Majorca

Dec 9-12: ASA writer championships.

TABLE TENNIS Jan 12: European League, St Austell. Jan 28: Women's European League: England v Holland, Grantham. Mar 6-7: English senior national championships. May 11-23: World championships, Gothenburg, Sweden. May 30-31: Halex national age group championships, Bridlington. June 6: National Team finals.

TENNS

Jan 18-31: Australian Open, Melbourne.



Andre Agassi: planning to captivate Wimbledon again Feb 15-21: Stuttgart (men), Philadelphia (men). Mar 1-7: Indian Wells (man). Mar 12-21: Key Biscayne (men and women). Mar 26-28: Davis Cup, world group, first Mar 29-Apr 4: Hilton Head (women). Apr 3-4: Vauchall indoor trophy grand finals, Apr 19-25: Monte Carlo (men).

Apr 30-May 2: Davis Cup, zonal group, second round, Great Britain v Finland or Hungary, May 3-9: German Open, Hamburg (men): tialian Open, Rome (women). May 10-16: Italian Open, Rome (men); German Open, Berin (women). May 17-23: World Team Cup, Düsseldorf (men). May 24-June 6; French Open, Paris. June 1-6: Beckenham (men and women). June 7-19: Stelle Artois, Queen's (men), Edgleston (women).

June 14-19: Direct Line Manchester Open (men); VW Cup, Eastbourne (women).

June 21-July 4: Wimbledon championships.
July 18-18: Davis Cup, world group.
second round.
July 19-25: Federation Cup, Frankfurt. July 28-Aug 1: Montreal (man). July 26-30: County week, Eastbourne. Aug 9-15: Cincinnati (man).

Aug 15-21: National junior championships, Notingham. Aug 18-22: Toronto (women), Indianapolis

(men). Aug 30-Sept 12: US Open, New York.

Sept 24-26: Davis Cup, world group, servifinals.
Oct 4-10: European Open, Zurich (women). Sydney (men).
Oct 11-17: Tokyo (men).
Oct 18-24: Midland Bank championships.

Oct 18-24: Midland Bank Crisin Justino Porting Brighton (women).
Oct 25-31: Stockholm (men).
Nov 1-7: Parls Open (men); VW national chempionships, Telford, Ibc.
Nov 8-13: Philadelphia (women).
Nov 16-21: ATP linals, Frankfurt (men);
Virginia Stims chempionships, New York (women).
Nov 23-28: World doubles chempionships, lebarneshim. Johannesburg Dec 3-5: Davis Cup final. Dec 7-12: Grand Slam Cup, Munich.

TRAMPOLINING ...

June 26: National synchronised championships, tba.
July 10-11: British national championships,
Bournemouth. Oct 14-16: European championships, Sursee, Switzerland.

VOLLEYBALL ***

Feb 12-14: Confederation of European Volleybali, men's final.
Feb 19-21: Women's European Cup
Winners' Cup, final: Confederation of
European Volleybali, women's final
Feb 20: Royal Bank of Scotland Cup, Feb 26: Royal Bank of Scotland Cup, men's and women's semi-finals.
Feb 26-28: Women's European Champions' Cup, final Mar 6-7: Men's European Cup Winners' Cup, final, Mar 13-14: Men's European Champions' Cup, final, Royal Bank of Scotland national men's and women's finals, Crystal Palace
Apr 2-4: Reading Supercup

WATER SKING

May 28-30: Carlsberg Masters, Kirtons Farm, Reading July 8-11: World disabled championships, Roquebrune, France July 17-18: British championships, tournament, toa July 24-25; British championships, cable, Aug 7-8: British championships, bandoot, tha Aug 14-15: European championships. cable, Kosice, Slovakie.

Aug 14-15: European championships, tournament, Britain, tiba.

Aug 27-29: European Cup, Rotterdam.

Sept 4-5: European grand prix final, bareloot, Maurik, Holland.

Sept 6-12: World championships, tournament, Singapore.

Sept 11-12: European championships, bareloot Bavenon, Italy. bareloot, Ravenna, Italy. Sept 19-26: World championships, racing,

Vichy, France. Sept 25-26: European Cup, Milan WIND SURFING

May 1-3: UKBSA national championships. Weymouth
May 13-22: IBSA European championships, Sicily.

July 24-25: UKBSA/Seavets youth and senior national championships, Weymouth,
Aug 21-26: IBSA youth and masters world
championships, Puck, Poland.
Sept 15-19: PBA world cup event,
Brighton, tbc.
Oct 30-31: UKBSA Inland national
championships, Rutland.
Nov: IBSA world championships, Punte del
Este. Uruguey, tba. Weymouth

WRESTLING Apr 3-4: World freestyle cup, Toledo.

May 14-16: European freestyle championships, Islanbul.

Aug 13-14: Commonwealth championships, Victorie, Canada.

YACHTING

Feb 13: Re-start, British Steel Challenge Hobert. Apr 17: Re-start, British Steel Challenge Lape Iown.
May 9-15: Lymington Cup match race championship, Lymington.
May 28-June 5: Channel handicap European championship, English Channel Channel.

May 29-June 5: Finish, British Steel Challenge, Southampton.
June 5-6: Laser Masters championship, Sidmouth.

June 10-14: Euro-Olympic regatta, Hayling letered. island.
June 12: Round the Island Race
June 17-19: Etchells 22 national
championship.
June 18-20: Contessa 32 national
championship, Solent.
June 19-20: IMS national championship, June 21-26: J24 national championship, Abersoch.

June 28-July 2: Sigma 33 national championship, Solent. July 1-16: J24 world championship, Abersoch. Adersoca.
July 2-4: Whyte & MacKay Clyde regatta.
July 4: Start Hartlepool Renaissance 2-man
round Britain race, Plymouth.
July 23-29: Dart 18 British championship.

July 23-29: Dert 18 British championship. Stranraer. July 25-30: Fireball national championship, Hayling Island. July 26-Aug 12: Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup. Cowes. July 31-Aug 6: Solo world championship, Paignton. July 31-Aug 7: Cowes Week. Aug 7: Start, Fastnet race, Cowes. Aug 7: Start, Fastnet race, Cowes. Aug 7: Start, Fastnet race, Cowes. Aug 14-18: Hobie Cat national championship, Fefostowe Aug 15-20: Mirror national championship, Fefostowe Aug 15-20: Mirror national championship, Aug 17-21: Nat 12 national championship, Aug 17-21: Nat. 12 national championship, Pevensey Bay.

Aug 29-Sept 5: Burnham Week,

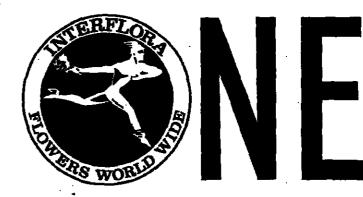
Aug 30: Eichells 22 European championship, Gourock.

Sept 4-10: 505 national championship, Abersoch.

Sept 18-19: Womens national championship, Graffham Water.

Sept 25: Start, Whithread round the world yacht race, Southampton.

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All Blacks' first tour for decade to serve as yardstick for double grand slam-winners

England view five nations' as launchpad of campaign

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

ENGLAND's leading players will drink a toast to the new year in Lanzarote this evening a year as demanding as any would wish for, since it incorporates the first tour in ten years by New Zealand, Of one thing the 30-strong training party can be sure: there will be no shortage of work. nor of demands upon their time, in 1993.

The management team which accompanies the squad when it flies to the Canaries early this morning (returning home on Tuesday) has two aims in mind: the five nations' championship, which begins against France on January 16. and sustaining form into next season so that the All Blacks meet the strongest possible

Geoff Cooke, the manager, has already indicated that New Zealand is the focal point for 1993. He knows, of course, that the best way to build confidence for that fixture in November is by winning the games before it, in the championship and on tour in North

America in May. These are the initial aims for the players. who will spend the next five days undergoing fitness tests and contributing to the strategy and tactics they hope will see them to a third successive grand slam (England's team to play the French at Twickenham will be announced on Sunday).

Since there is such a busy programme of A internationals, as well as the close-season tour, all 30 players may hope for representative honours of some kind over the next six months. But even allowing for the need to limit numbers, there are some curious omissions. The two positions most lacking depth in English rug-by are full back and scrum half vet, if we are to take the management at its word, only one full back goes and two

SQUAD

(Lecester). W Carting (Harlequins), P de Glanville (Bath). J Guscott (Bath). D Hoptey (Carrbordge University), R Andrew (Wasps). S Barnes (Bath). P Chalisnor Harlequins), S Bates (Wasps). D Montis (Onet) Forwards: C Clark (Swansea). J Leonard (Harlequins), J Probyn (Wasps), V Ubogu (Bath), B Moore (Harlequins), J Oliver (Northampton), M Bayfield (Northampton), A Blackmore (Bristol). W Dooley (Presion Grasshoppers), M Johnson (Lecaster), J Hall (Bath). T Rodbar (Northampton), M Taggue (Nosslev). S Ojomoh (Bath). P Winterbottom (Harlequins), B Clarke (Bath)

scrum halves, while there are three stand-off halves.

You may argue that the cover for Jonathan Webb at full back is Ian Hunter, of Northampton, but that is not the selectors' perception. Cooke, asked if Hunter would play at No. 15 in the event of an injury to Webb, advised against making such an assumption and it has been stressed that, in the top flight,

Hunter is seen as a wing. So who will play full back against France Espoirs in the A international at Leicester on January 15? Alan Buzza, John Liley or Steve Filgrim? The Lanzarote squad does not tell us, and the opportunity has been missed to take another scrum half of the younger generation.

Dewi Morris and Steve Bates continue their battle while Richard Hill, at home. ponders whether he has an international future. Aadel Kardooni and Dave Scully did not obviously look the part with the B side in New Zealand last summer, so, if England were in the business of gambling, they might have taken Matthew Dawson. of Northampton.

The decision to take Steve Ojomoh as an open-side flanker indicates that they are not averse to experimentation, so little would have been lost by taking Dawson for the experience. Dawson has only recently returned to scrum half, where he won schoolboy honours, because Northampton have required him at centre. but he showed in the divisional championship he may have a substantial future.

"We have great hopes for him," Cooke said. "He was in New Zealand playing club rugby when England B were there and he had hoped to come back and play scrum half at Northampton. He has a lot of work to do with the mechanics of scrum-half play. which he might have done in Lanzarote but which might be better done at club level."

☐ The England Under-21 team will play seven matches on its first tour of Australia in July. The party will be managed by John Elliott, the senior England selector.

ITINERARY (all opponents under-21) July 3 v Western Australia (Perth); 7 v New South Wales (Sydney). 10 v Australian Capital Territory (Carberra): 13 v Queensland (Brisbane): 17 v Queesland Country (venue to be confirmed). 21 v New South Wales



England's second row prefers to play with an injury that requires surgery rather than miss internationals

Bayfield chooses to shoulder pain

MARTIN Bayfield, the England second row forward, is to attempt to play through the five nations' championship and, he hopes, the British Lions tour to New Zealand in June with a split capsule in his left shoulder.

The diagnosis, from revealed that Bayfield needs an operation and has been advised to have one by surgeons. However, the Northampton player considers his present programme too important to permit him a

lengthy layoff. Medical experts have told

him he would miss three or four months of rugby if he underwent surgery. By playing on he runs the risk of suffering arthritis in the joint when he gets older.

Bayfield said yesterday he was prepared to take that chance. 'That may or may not nappen and bei irresponsible I'll worry about that if and when it happens."

However, England who will soon embark upon their attempt at a unique third successive grand slam, will wish to make contingency plans should Bayfield suffer a serious breakdown during the international season.

The injury has prevented him playing since December 12. Representing the Mid-lands against the North, at

Waterloo, Bayfield suffered a blow on the shoulder which caused him intense pain and shortlived restriction in the use of his arm.

'An awkward movement can jar it as the bone catches on soft tissue," he explained. "I will play on for the mo-HENT. LI I DAVE THE DITHE K have the operation done, or it gives me great concern, I may revise my current thinking. Otherwise I will have to grin and bear it.

"When it jars I lose feeling in the arm for a few seconds. Then there is no strength in the arm for two or three minutes. It is painful for another ten to 15 minutes but after that it just feels sore. At least I know now what it is." The injury has troubled the

the precise damage earlier, it is certain he would have had an operation in October or

As it is, he feels there is too lengthy layoff. However, it is possible the injury may decide matters for him if it flares up, although medical opinion suggests it ought not to deteriorate greatly.

Should it worsen, he may be forced to have surgery and it is by no means certain that the British Lions selectors would choose a player for so physically demanding a tour as New Zealand, knowing he was carrying an injury.

HOCKEY

Successive victories keep South East on course for title

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

AFTER conceding an early goal, South East beat North West 3-1 and put themselves in a strong position to retain the under-18 title in the junior divisional tournament at

Birmingham yesterday. A snap goal by Todd Eden shook South East, who squandered three short corners in the first half. Simon Collins levelled the score midway through the second half, and further goals followed from Simon Archer and Jon

Axworthy.
South East also had a scare earlier in the day, when they scrambled a 2-1 win over West, who had the better of the second half and were unlucky to lose. The lead which Neil Brennan gave South East in the first minute, from a penally stroke, was answered almost immediately by Jon Evenett from a short corner. After that, West seized the initiative and kept a close watch on Archer. who eventually set up the chance for Axworthy to score

the winning goal. East kept their hopes alive with two successes during the day. Having beaten North West 1-0 in the morning with a goal by Aminur Rahman, they went on to defeat North East 3-0. Andrew Kennedy scored from a short corner and

a penalty stroke, and Chad Mish added to the score in the first half.

Guy Fordham, who plays for Hounslow in the national league, gave South West the lead from a penalty stroke early in the second half, but Matthew Allen forced a 1-1 draw by scoring soon after for Midlands.
South East made further

progress at under-16 level with a 4-0 victory over West. Vitas Faux-Bowyer scored in the first minute from Daniel Poulsen's pass. In the first minute of the second half Alistair Boyce, going well on the right, centred for Matthew Osborne to score. Further goals followed by Poulsen and Boyce. East later put themselves in an even stronger position after a 3-0 win over South West.

Midlands hit three goals without reply against North East in a spell of ascendancy in the second half, Keith Resby and Michael Harriery scoring from short corners and Sebastian Hamilton-

Mudge from open play.

RESULTS: Under-18: Midlands 1. North
East 1; East 1, North West 0; South East 1: North
East 0; East 3; South East 1; North
East 0; East 3; South East 3; North West 1: North
East 0; East 3; South East 3; North West 1; North
East 0; Under-18:
Midland 2; West 1; North West 0; North East

SCHOOLS SPORT

Youngsters aim for second grand slam

By CHRISTOPHER DIGHTON

WHILE the seniors contemplate a third successive grand slam from their warm-weather training camp in Lanzarote, the England 18 Group rugby team is making plans for a second under its new coach, Mike Williams.

Williams, who is also in charge of rugby at Sevenoaks School in Kent, has taken charge of the older boys after years supervising the 16 Group. The shape of his squad will become more defined in the next few weeks, when the four divisions in England pick their representative sides, but Williams has been busy laying foundations for the first international, against Wales at

"At the start of the season we sent fitness booklets to every player who has represented his county with an exercise designed to build up from last November," he said. "I have also written to all the 16 Group players of the last two years and the 18 Group. In the last few years between six and eight of the 16 Group players have graduated to the higher level."

London announces its divi-

sional squad on January 4. followed by the North on January 10 and the Midlands and the South West on January 13. The home internationseries will end when England play Ireland on April 10, but then Williams will start preparing again for a summer trip to New Zealand. "That will be an important

trip and I know from experience that we will be playing some very hard games," Williams said. The main difference is the time we have to do things compared with the southern hemisphere, where defences are very much quicker and the tackling is bone-

shaking. has not fully cottoned on to the fact that the new laws allow for a handful of strong players to hold the opposition back, freeing more players to be strung across the pitch in defensive positions."

The England 18 Group, which could have been setting off in pursuit of a third grand slam this season but for a defeat by Wales two years ago. certainly face an uncompromising schedule.

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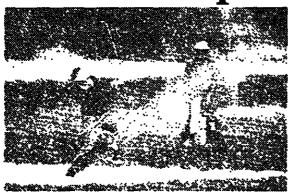
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New York by night. The prize includes a seven flight stay at the Dorset from June 14, with a ? Gap pass to the entire tournament allowing you to follow your favourite golfer from shot to shot. A rentlear will be available for winners to drive to and from Springfield.

To enter, answer the questions below and send your answers on a postcard to: The Times! Northwest U.S. Open, S. Britton's Court. London ECSS ING, The winner will be selected at random from all correct entries received by Monday January 18.

1. Who was the 1992 U.S. Open?

2. Where was the 1992 U.S. Open?

2. Where was the 1992 US Open played?
3. How many times has Nick Faldo won the US Open?

SPORTING HERITAGE **CALENDAR** TOKEN 5

Rum and fun on the Jamaican circuit SO NICK Faldo came home from Jamaica for Christmas with £340,000 and the Johnnie Walker world championship of golf. Big deal!

But how many times did the faithful Fanny Sunesson gaze up from lugging her master's bag to greet another fairwaysplitting drive with an eye-rolling hallelujah of "Musical swing, man!"? How many times did she watch a nineiron soar and fall and nestle a couple of feet from the pin and then cry: "Solid gold, Nick! That's on the dancin' floor!"?. And how many times did she celebrate a hole in one by somersaulting along the fairway? Never, never, and never. That's the trouble with the

big time: the money is too serious: the caddies are, the occasional high-five apart, too Faldo and Sunesson missed the fun circuit in Jamaica. They should have been with us a few weeks earlier: they would have met Leroy, Thomas, George. Oscar and the rest

who believe that to caddle is to

participate, to sing over success and to sneer over failure. Like Faldo, we played the

and it was more of a beast for us. They were toughening the course, letting the rough grow thigh-high to within five yards of the fairway, ready for the superstars (only for it to be cut back when they arrived and reckoned it was too troublesome for their £1.8 million party). So we can be proud of

been ten points or more worse (barely better than my own embarrassing scores, which remain a private matter between me and the marker). Tryall, with its growing reputation as the permanent home of the world championship and its televisual qualities (the real course is rearranged so television can cover the last seven holes of the Johnnie Walker event), is the standard-

bearer of Jamaica's attempt to

Ocho Rios J'AMAICA Caribbean

Tom Clarke joins the golfers who showed

Faldo and the other superstars what they

missed on the world championship course promote its north coast, where

monster course of Tryall -the Blue Mountains reach down to the Caribbean, as an international golf destination. For all but the very best players, Tryall is too heartbreaking and ball-losing for more than two or three visits. Our home course was Half Moon, to the east of Montego Bay, and some 15 miles from own champion. Joe Wood, and his 32 Stableford points: Tryall. Half Moon is a Robert Trent Jones design, long, heavily-bunkered and with the 80-pluses of Ballesteros and Forsbrand would have large greens, all in fine order. It offered easy walking and better scoring but still nobody in our group of 19 golfers did better than 35 points. We also played Runaway Bay, near Ocho Rios, and

Wyndham Rose Hall, a couple of miles from Half Moon both were fine tests, even though the latter was still recovering from the traffic of a professional tournament — and Sandals, the former Upton course near Ocho Rios, which is being refurbished.

The golf alone — and the joy of having somebody actually cheer one of your shots - is a good enough reason for visiting Jamaica. But there are other ways of burning off one round of rum punches and Red Stripes and building up a thirst for the next deep-sea fishing (we caught a 90lb sallish during our two haifday trips); dimbing through the foam of Dunn's River Falls at the end of the day after the cruise-ship hundreds have left;

Brae River on a bamboo raft were either at our home base, while the guide scratches a pattern on a gourd and offers to sell it to you for "whatever you can afford, man; snorkelling in the buoyant and blue waters along the coral reef; tennis by floodlight.

Jamaica is perhaps best visited, as we did, with a party of friends (alone on the streets of Montego Bay at night would be as unwise as it would be in New York or Naples) and to stay in a villa. Most of the food we ate in restaurants or roadside bars was more than pleasant; but the best meals - and the best fun -

prepared by the staff of our villas, or at one of the imaginative "Meet the people" evenings run by the Jamaica Tourist Board.

☐ We travelled by British Airways: outward direct from Gatwick to Montego Bay; homeward via a rather tedious stop-over at Kingston. We stayed in two huge villas (owned by Richard Russell Villas, PO Box 80, Montego Bay, Jamaica) with access to all the facilities at the Half Moon Hotel Kuoni Travel offers golf packages in

بنبرد

(a) and (b), eponyms for Rehoboam, son of Solomon, King of Judah, I Kings xii-xiv; Charlotte Broatie: "A personage of short stature bearing on broad shoulders a hawk's head, the whole surmounted by a Rehoboam." "A rehoboam of claret or rum is a double ieroboam."

OPTIMIFIC

(c) Producing the maximum good consequences, from the Latin optimus best + fic making: "The first half of Universalistic Ethical Hedouism, to wit the theory that being optimific is the one and only right-making characteristic." INDENTER

(a) Something that produces indentations, spec. a small hard, sphere, pyramid, or similar object used for producing an indentation in a solid (as in an indentation test): "All three are indentation assists in which a weighted steel ball or other indenter is applied to the test piece. The hardness is assessed according to the size of the impression."

MESETA
(b) A plateau, spec the high plateau of central Spain, diminutive of the Spanish mesa, from Latin mensa a table: "The regions of the high meseta — the Castiles, Aragon, Leon, and Estremadura."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE The black queen is rounded up with 1 Bd2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Skerrett added to

list of Wigan's

missing after ban

By Christopher Irvine

WIGAN, who have eight of their international players in-

jured, will be without a ninth

for the Regal Trophy semi-final against Hull on Saturday

after Kelvin Skerrett was banned last night for five

Skerrett, the prop forward,

will appeal today against the sentence of the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee for a high tackle on Ja rood McCracken, the St.

Hidens winger, on Sunday. Skerrett's dismissal added to Wigan's woe as they were

routed 41-6 by Saints in the

Stonies Bitter championship.

Hull will be without Steve McNamara, their forward, who also intends to appeal

against a four-match suspen-

sion for his dismissal on Boxing clay against Sheffield

Eagles.
John 1 Monie, the Wigan

coach, yesterday called up Barrie-Jon Mather, Scott Naylor, Mick Cassidy and Andrew Farrell from the re-serve side for the semi-final at

Central Park. Paul Atcheson,

a utility back who was signed

in an exchange deal with Widnes, will nake his debut.

The new year comeback of Jonathan Davies has been

delayed. The Widnes back is

still struggling for full fitness following a groin operation. Davies, the former Welsh

rugby union international. last played on November 8.

and was yesterday ruled out of the championship match to-

morrow night against St Hel-

ens at Naughton Park and is

doubtful for next Wednesday's

rearranged match at Salford.

Davies, who had indicated

his wish to remain at Widnes after signing a three-year con-

tract at the start of the season.

is still the subject of transfer

speculation. Any doubt about his fitness is likely, however, to preclude a move before the

Challenge Cup deadline on January 11 by Leeds, who have been linked with the

Hull have won the Stones

Bitter team of the month

award after remaining un-

beaten throughout December

and reaching the semi-finals of the Regal Trophy.

Featherstone Rovers took the second division prize and Whitehaven the third division

with companies such as 3M.

Coca-Cola, Sports Step and

Jockey underwear and has

more commercial endorse

ments than any other

Her success has followed a stormy relationship with the

media after her arrival in the

US, at a time when she spoke

very little English. For a few

months, she worked in Canada. She never resumed con-

tact with Bela Karoly, the

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neered her career and who

himself defected to the US in

1981 to become eventually

coach to the American wom-

Aged 31, Comaneci has

been hailed as one of the

greatest women gymnasts of

all time. She revolutionised

the sport in the 1970s when

she introduced advanced ele-

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loniger mature women but

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of 141 at the 1976 Olympic

Game's in Montreal. She was

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THE WEIGHT NEW RAILING

HOCKEY

Champion hurdler collapses shortly after finishing fourth on seasonal reappearance

Royal Gait dies of heart attack after race

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

ROYAL Gait, the champion hundler, died of a heart attack seconds after finishing fourth in the Bookmakers Hurdle at

Leopardstown yesterday.

"He was only cruising as we rounded the final turn but coming to the last hurdle he began to falter and I feared that he had broken down."
Graham McCourt, his jockey, said. "Then he began to wobble under me and I knew

James Fanshawe. Royal Gait's trainer, said: "I am absolutely devastated. He gave me the best day I've had in racing at Cheltenham in March. After all the setbacks he has surmounted, what a shame that this should

Controversy and Royal Gait have never been far apart, notably when he was disquali-fied after finishing first in the 1988 Ascot Gold Cup.

The much-travelled stayer had entered the record books the previous year by becoming the first horse from Spain, where he had seven different trainers, to win the group one Prix du Cadran at Long-

He subsequently joined John Fellows at Chantilly and "won" the Ascot Gold Cup in a canter only to have the race taken away from him when jockey Cash Asmussen was found guilty of careless riding. The decision was confirmed at

an appeal enquiry. Royal Gait was later bought by Shaikh Mohammed but leg trouble forced him into retirement and it was a fine feat on the part of the shalkh's staff at Kildangan Stud to nurse him back to soundness, an achievement crowned by his Champion Hurdle

triumph.
In defeating Oh So Risky by half a length to claim hurdling's most coveted prize at Cheltenham in March. Royal Gait became the first novice to win the Champion Hurdle since Doorknocker in

The death of Royal Gait overshadowed the outcome of the Bookmakers Hurdle in which Charlie Swan displayed the talent which enabled him



his trainer, said that the fouryear-old would miss the Leopardstown race.
Novello Allegro and Crowded House will also bypass The Ladbroke and will meet again

at Leopardstown in the AIG Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on January 31.

Noel Meade, the winning trainer, said: "He only does what he has to on the run-in and that's why it developed into a bit of a scramble. I think he has earned the right to a crack at the Irish Champion before we make any further

Meade added: "He was hobdayed after his disappoint-ing run at Liverpool in April and that seems to have made a big difference."

plans."

Barry Kelly, trainer of Crowded House, hopes to run him in both the Irish and English Champion Hurdles. Bookmakers reshuffled their Cheltenham odds following the death of Royal Gait. both William Hill and Corals

shortening the favourite, Mighty Mogul, from 3-1 to S-2.

Hills bet: 5-2 Mighty Mogul, 4-1 Halkopous, 8-1 Vintage Crop. 10-1 Morley Street, Destriero, Staunch Friend, 12-1 Granville Again, 16-1 bar. Novello Allegro is 33-1.

Corals offer: 5-2 Mighty Mogul, 4-1 Halkopous, 10-1 Destriero, Granville Again.

Destriero, Granville Again, Vintage Crop. 12-1 Morley Street, Staunch Friend, 16-1

Leopardstown details

1.40 BOOKMAKERS HURDLE (Listed race: In£14,375; 2m) (Listed read: no.14,773: 24)

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Turning to the Gift Horse

Handicap, Dr Zeva was an

impressive winner here last week and his 51b penalty

barely brings him into the handicap on 7st 9ib. Despite

those advantages, he is not the

most consistent of performers

and could be worth opposing.

Volador's strong point at the

moment and he can complete

a treble despite top weight. He was an emphatic six-length winner from Keen Vision over

course and distance last time,

and, although 51b higher in

the weights today, he is in

great fettle and could still be a

step ahead of the handicapper.

Another top weight, Kissavos, could provide the answer

to the All's Fair Handicap.

while in a particularly tricky race for the Bald Coot Handi-

cap my preference is for Trea-

sure Time, whose early pace

Consistency is, however, El



Vain pursuit: Royal Gait chases Novello Allegro on the run to the line at La topardstown yesterday

Raiders hold strong Ladburoke hand

By PHIL MCLENNAN

THE prospect of an English victory in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown on Saturday week increased following yesterday's big race at the Dublin

With the first three in the Bookmakers Hurdle — Novello Allegro, Muir Station and Crowded House — all likely to bypass Ireland's richest handicap hurdle, three of the first five in the sponsors' revised ante-post list are now trained

eased the favourite, Bitofabanter, half a point to 9-2 and make Baydon Star, from David Nicholson's in-form Gloucestershire yard, second favourite at 7-1.

The Sussex-trained pair of King Credo (10-1 from 12-1) and Kilcash (12-1 from 16-1) follow, with Lady Olein also 12-1 and 14-1 bar the five. Baydon Star is due to run tomorrow in either the Spa

Hurdle at Cheltenham or the New Year's Day Hurdle at

ard Merton, clerk of the

course, said: The prospects

are excellent. There is no frost

At Windsor, a precaution-

Hugo Bevan, derk of the

I would guess the prospects

in the ground."

Windsor but, with both meet !ings in doubt, the progressive five-year-old may go straight Nicholson has yet to decid e:

thether to declare top-weigh 1: Mighty Mogul at the over night stage to keep Baydor 1 Star's weight down and thus risk a heavy fine and referra. I to the Turf Club.

Arthur Moore may need to look for a replacement jockey for Bitofabanter as stable jockey Tom Taaffe is due to start a five day improper riding ban

Prospects brighter after third blank

FROST has ensured that, for the third successive day, there will be no National Hunt racing in Britain today. Yesterday's Fontwell meet-

ary inspection has been called for 2.30 today. However, ng was abandoned after an inspection and all four of today's scheduled jumping ham, Folkestone, Leicester and Catterick - were called off yesterday. are 60-40 in favour. However, prospects for a

resumption tomorrow are brighter with Exeter leading the mood of optimism. Rich-

1.35 Kissavos. 2.05 MULCIBER (nap).

2.35 Treasure Time.

"It is hard to read the forecast. Warmer weather was predicted but it seems to be heading north. However, It would not need to improve much to enable the meeting to go ahead. Our cause is not hopeless by any means."

had a frost last night but the forecast is for milder weather. at Catterick and Leicester are both subject to 2pm inspec-tions today. Whatever jump racing's fate, the all-weather Cheltenham inspect at mid-Flat cards at Lingfield today day today. Philip Arkwright, and Southwell tomorrow seem certain to go ahead.

Monday, but a date for the hearing has yet to be con-firmed by the Turi Club. Bitofabanter has strong credentials as he won the valuable Swinton Handicap Hurdle at Haydock in May

on Tuesday. Taaffe has ap-pealed against the ban, im-

posed at Leopardstown on

and is handly weighted on 10st 13lb. His shrewd trainer won the race four times in six years during the 1980s. Other probable English numers include the Jimmy

Fitzgerald-trained Native Mission, fourth to How's The Boss 12 months ago, and Statajack, trained by David Elsworth, who landed a gamble in the 1987 running of The Ladbroke with Barnbroke Agric brook Again. The outsider most feared by

the sponsors is the Eddie Harty-trained Fay Lin, who attracted a bet of £500 each-1 narrowly at Leopardstown on Monday, and is now a 16-1 c :hance

b enter, 7-1 Baydon Star, 10-1 King C rado, 12-1 Kilcash, Lady Olein, 14-1 Hi sing Waters, Reze Khan, Tawney R ams, Eyelld, Native Mission, 16-1 bar.

rite in latest race). Going on which those has (F — firm, good to firm, hard, 5 — good, soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in tractients,

Comaneci travels far in new home

GYMNASTICS

By Peter Aykroyd

THREE years after her dramatic defection from Romania, Nadia Comaracci is enjoying commercial success in the United States both as a gymnastics and dance entertainer and an endorster of products.

She is also involved in the Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy recently opened in Norman, Oklahoma, by her partner, Bart Conner, who captured the parallel bars gold medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

The former Olympic and European champion is back in training and has performed in more than 30 roadshows According to her manager, Paul Ziert, she will tour Europe next spring. She enjoys worldwide affiliations

PONSORS' BETTING: 5-1 Bitota



Comaneci: in training

BOXING

Mulciber to triumph over ideal distance

yet shown.

MULCIBER, touched off by Lady Dundee over course and distance last week, is napped to go one better in the Apple A Day Handicap at Lingfield this afternoon.

mican circul After a largely disappointing season on the turf, he adapted well to the Equitrack surface at Lingfield with a fair fourth to Daswaki over a mile. He was then stepped up to a mile and a quarter and responded with a ready length and a half win over Khrisma. previously a wide margin winner at the track.

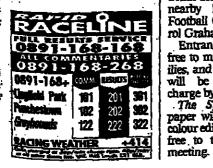
He remained at ten furlongs for his latest outing, a game short head second to Lady Dundee, and holds Va Utu, three lengths away in third and now 41b worse off, on that

Cretoes Dancer was a clearcut winner of a claimer here last time but faces a stiffer task now, and a greater threat could be Reflecting. Although still a maiden and well beaten on his all-weather debut, the fact that he was retained for 14,500 guineas at the Newmarket Autumn Sales sug-

will stand him in good stead on this sharp course.

SUPPORT for Southwell's fixture to aid the mining communities of Britain is growing, Alan Meale, the Labour MP for Mansfield, said yesterday

The state of the s (George Rae writes). The all-weather meeting on January S will combine a day's racing with a rally protesting against the government's pro-



Support for miners' rally

posed programme of pit dosures. Speakers at the rally, which begins at 11am, will include Robin Cook, the shadow president of the Board of Trade and racing enthusiast, Richard Alexander, the MP for

Newark, and Meale himself. Among sporting celebrities who have agreed to attend are Brian Clough, the manager of nearby Nottingham Forest Football Club, and boxer Errol Graham.

free to miners and their families, and hot food and drinks will be provided without charge by local companies. The Sporting Life newspaper will produce a special colour edition to be distributed free to those attending the

Entrance to the meeting is

the clerk of the course, said: THUNDERER 12.35 Abbey Strand. 12.35 Abbey Strand. 1.05 Respectable Jones.

1.05 Respectable Jones. 1.35 Kissavos. 2.05 Mulciber. 2.35 SERIOUS HURRY (nap).

3.10 El Volador.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.35 Pigalle Wonder. 2.05 Mulciber. 3.10 EL VOLADOR (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.05 CRETOES DANCER. DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

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Southwell (AW, 1m) maiden. Proviously 3141 3rd of Selection: ABBEY STRAND 1.05 COLD AS CHARITY-CLAIMING STAKES (£1,140: 61) (6 runners)

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Silverstone **Holmes says** he ignored retina injury

New York: Larry Holmes has admitted he went ahead with a bout despite suffering from a detached retina in order to earn a chance for the world heavyweight championship. "I got a detached retina in

my right eye three weeks before I fought Ray Mercer Jon February 7]," the former champion said yesterday. "I kept it quiet. I could see partially out of the right eye." Holmes, 43, gained a points decision over Mercer in Atlannic City and earned a title bout against Evander Holyfield in

"I went into the hospital immediately after the Mercer fight and had an operation," Holmes said. Holmes will fight Everett

Big Foot" Martin in a tenround contest on Tuesday. The eye is fine," he said. Several boxers have fought after retinal surgery in recent years. Three of the most prominent were Sugar Ray Leonard, a champion in five weight classes, Earnie Shav-

ers, and Iran Barkley, a

present super-middleweight champion. ☐ Mike Tyson, the former. world heavyweight champion, has reached an out-of-court settlement with Rosie Jones, a former Miss Black America. who had accused him of assaulting her in July 1991.

BRIDGE

takes the final prize

THE last big tournament of 1992 carried an echo of a famous victory. When only 23, Victor Silverstone was in the Scottish squad that became the first team in history which briefly dispossessed England of the Camrose Trophy, the symbol of home international supremacy. This veek at the English Bridge Union's Year End congress, Silversione formed an improvised partnership with the Irish international, Roty Timlin (Albert Donner writes).

They won the main pairs event with an impressive 83 per cent score. Among the 400 plus players that they outpointed were the powerful Colin Simpson and Al Woo, whose sixth position was the best London could manage.

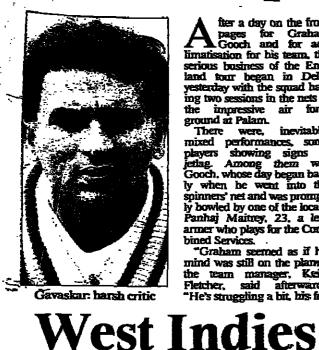
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Fletcher plays down India's defeat in South Africa



pages for Graham Gooch and for acc ation for his team, the serious business of the Eng-land tour began in Delhi yesterday with the squad having two sessions in the nets at impressive air force ground at Palam.

There were, inevitably, mixed performances, some showing signs of Among them was whose day began badly when he went into the spinners' net and was promptbowled by one of the locals, Panhaj Maitrey, 23, a leftarmer who plays for the Corrbined Services.
Graham seemed as if his

mind was still on the plane," the team manager, Ksith Fletcher, said afterwards.

the players were very stuggish, they hadn't slept well and it looked like it the way we

played."
Things improved after bunch, Gooch returning to the nets for two further knocks with happier results. For him to have trouble with spinners, whom he usually dismisses with a certainty bordering on contempt, is rare enough for it

to be remarked upon.

The facilities as a whole so impressed Fletcher that he rated them as being worth 80per cent of actual play in the middle. Nets do not get much better than that, and Deven Malcolm; who is not usually the best powler at practice, was encouraged to stop himself, hitting the stumps more than once. Jarvis also looked sharp and apart from the effects of

Peter Ball, who is in Delhi with the England team, believes Azarhuddin will be replaced

as India's captain for the forthcoming series

jetlag, the players seem in good order.

Robin Smith, the one injury problem, contented himself with running and exercising in the morning. In the after-noon he-batted in the spinners' net with a protective covering over his toe, which was injured in the last session at Lilleshall before Christmas.

He will not play in the first match, against Delhi, the Ranji Trophy champions, which begins at Faridabad on Sunday. "If he got hit on the toe, it could set him back two weeks. If there was a crisis, or a. Test match next week he could play, but there is no point in rushing him." Fletcher said. The debate about the use of a third umpire continues and Fletcher repeated his approv-al. "We wouldn't have any

objections if India want to introduce it," he said, although suggestions from Indian journalists that the quality of their television pictures might make it a dubious asset were acknowledged with a

Gooch are in favour, there has still been no indication that the Indian board will propose it.

The loneliness of the frustrated seam bowler

delays while a film was re-run half-a-dozen times would worry him. He knows how slow les in this country can-

Not even the presence of a third umpire satisfied Azharuddin the Indian captain, blaming some poor umpiring decisions as well as had batting for his side's latest result in South Africa. The search has begun for scape-goats and Azharuddin seems unlikely to survive as captain. Cricket still has a strong hold on India. Yesterday we counted four sets of boys or youths playing impromptu

asm makes the present disar-ray even harder to bear. Soulsearching is widespread. Yesterday, Sunil Gavaskar became the latest to add his

a mile and that sort of enthusi-

voice to the condemnation, calling for "a fresh team" to be selected for the series against England in his column in The Times of India: Gavaskar conceded that Azharuddin had got a debatable decision in the third Test and excused Shastri

for a ball which took off from a length. But otherwise he was scathing. He described the batting as "a pathetic show" and condemned a lack of fight and application. "One felt sorry for them, as most of them were contributing to their omission from the side to play England in the new year."

His sympathy, however, was imited. This Indian team looks mentally jaded and tired as is evident from the way they are batting," he wrote. "If that is the case it would be better to rest them (if you do not want to call it dropping them) and hope that the rest from the pressures and tensions of international cricket will make them eager to come back and perform as one

Whether replacements would prove more durable may be questioned. But India will take some heart from the success of the spinners, Raju and Kumble. That may give Fletcher, who was dismissive of Kumble after seeing him earlier in the series, something to think about. The England manager yesterday insisted that he will not read too much into the happenings in South Africa. The Indian team may be a different proposition at home," he told some sceptical

Indian journalists.
Whether the Indian selectors are as cautious remains to

Referees' powers may have to widen

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN PORT ELIZABETH

AS THE number of cricketers disciplined for bad behaviour mounts around the world, the International Cricket Council's (ICC) new code of conduct has surely proved its worth. Fines and suspensions admittedly bring a jarring note but are clearly necessary since the game became more aggressive and competitive in recent

When Sir Colin Cowdrey, the ICC chairman, introduced the code little more than 15 months ago, he admitted it might need revising in the light of experience. One problem to emerge from the present series between South Africa and India has been the different tolerance level for what is acceptable behaviour and what is not.

Many South Africans were amazed when, in the third Test match this week, Mike Smith, the former England captain and ICC match referee, saw no need to intervene after two Indians showed dissent at decisions. In separate incidents, More angrily threw the ball to the ground and Shastri, the non-striker, hurled his bat away in

Both players crossed the narrow border line between disappointment and dissent vere not reno to Smith by the two South African umpires, who have limited experience at this level. As the ICC code's regulations stand. Smith was entitled to decide that he was not required to take action in the absence of any complaint

being lodged. As referee, though, Smith is also allowed under the rules to investigate any incident. whether it has been reported or not. Smith was almost alone in thinking that there was no need for him to take unilateral action on both

To be fair, the code has been framed deliberately to avoid any infringement of the umpires' traditional responsibilities for all on-field judgments. In future, however, the ICC might have to consider whether referees should be asked to intervene directly more often if umpires fail to be strict

enough.

The South African board is particularly conscious of the need for players to behave properly, as the series is being shown extensively on television throughout the country as part of its drive to create interest in communities where cricket has not previously been

widely played.

There was an object lesson earlier in the tour of how youngsters emulate what they see, when Kapil Dev ran out Kirsten, the non-striker, for backing up in a one-day international here. The next day, a similar incident took place in an under-13 tournament in Bloemfontein. The bowler admitted he had seen what had happened on television the previous evening.

to Warne's leg spin

collapse

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHANE Warne, who had been brought into Australia's team in place of Dean Jones, spun them to a 139-run victory over West Indies in the second Test at Melbourne

yesterday. The slight, blond-haired leg spimner took seven wickets for 52 runs, totally bemusing the batsmen with his flight and turn after breaking a secondwicket partnership of 134 between Simmons and Richardson, the captain, which had given West Indies a platform for an assault on a

victory target of 359. Richardson reached 52 before he was bowled by Warne just before lunch, the second wicket to fall in an innings which then crumbled at such a rate that the match had been completed by the tea interval.

Phil Simmons, who scored his maiden Test century, looked in vain for a permanent partner after his captain's sal as Warne, playing in only his fifth Test, ran through the rest of the batting to become the first bowler of his type to take more than five

the ground. West Indies, all out for 214, thus went 1-0 down in the fivematch series and they have never recovered from such a deficit to win a series against

Simmons, who was 80 not out at lunch, was eventually sixth out at 198. His 110 runs came off 178 deliveries and he had hit two sixes and eight fours when he became amother victim for Warne, caught by

Richardson had no excuses. "I think that generally we were we had taken a few catches early on it would have been a different story." Richardson said he warnted to put Warne's performance in perspective.

You have to remember there are a springers who come in and take a lot of wickets in a match and you never hear of them again. I don't think our batsmen are afraid of him. We respect, him as a Test player

but he's not a worry." Warne, who is a keen surfer said: "It would have to be close to the best I've ever bowled. I've had doubts that I could play at this level but I've had great support from everyone and now I feel a lot more comfortable."

Australia have named an unchanged squad for the third Test which starts on Saturday az Sydney, where spin bowlers rusually have a large part to play. The West Indies may decide to leave out Carl

AUSTRALIA: First amings 395 (M E Waugh 112, A R Border 110: C A Walsh 4 for 91). Second amings 196 (D R Martyn 67 not cut).

for 66).
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C L Hooper c Whitney b Warne
J C Adams c Taylor b McDermott
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-143, 3-148,

165, 5-177, 6-198, 7-206, 8-206, 9-219. BOWLING: McDermott 17-8-68-1; Hughes 18-7-41-1; Whitney 10-2-32-1; Warne 23 2-6-52-7; M E Waugh 3-0-23-0. Man of the match: S K Warne PREVIOUS MATCHES: First Test: Match AMATCHES TO COMME: Third Test: Jan 2 to 6 (Sydney); Fourth Test: Jan 23 to 27 (Adecade); Fifth Test: Jan 30 to Feb 3

outplayed," he said. "Maybe if Crowe seals series as Pakistan fail with bat

Auckland: New Zealand beat Pakistan by six wickets in a one-day international yesterday to win the three-match

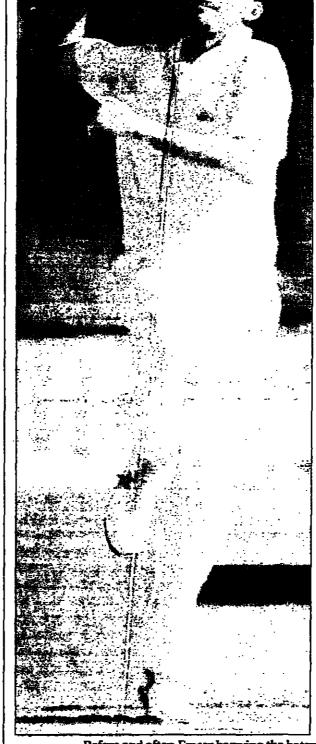
series 2-1. Pakistan's batsmen failed for a third time, being bowled out for 139 in the 48th over at Eden Park, where they beat New Zealand in the World Cup semi-final.

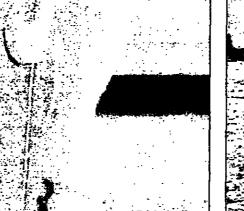
New Zealand, at one stage in trouble at 45 for three, were steered to victory by Martin Crowe, the man of the match. who scored 57 not out and Ken Rutherford, who hit 28. The win was set up by New Zealand's tight bowling attack. Willie Watson took four for 27, the best figures of his career, removing Rameez Raja amd Saeet Anwar in consecutive balls and taking the cranial wicket of Javed

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Naved Argum st Perore b Harris
Hashid Latil not out
Waspar Youris c Crowe b Morrison
Mushraq Ahmed o Greatbatch b Wa
Extras (b 5, rb 3) Total (47.4 overs) 138
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-43, 3-47, 4-75, 5-77, 6-123, 7-123, 8-127, 9-128, 90WLNG: Morrison 10-1-27-2; Patel 10-2-25-0; Wasson 8-4-1-27-4; Larsen 10-2-20-1; Hams 6-1-22-1; Jones 2-0-6-0; Latham 1-0-7-0.

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Fraser renews effort to reach Test peak

By Ivo Tennant

ANGUS Fraser would have established himself by now as one of the finest bowlers of his type, as well as of the age, had he been given immunity for injury. The sad reality is that he is now more accomplished at dealing in unit trusts than in playing first-class cricket.

Bald statistics tell the story. Last season Fraser took only 18 championship wickets for Middlesex, and they cost him 64 runs apiece. He finished bottom of their averages. Inevitably, there are those who wonder whether he will ever again be the bowier who was an integral part of England's side - the

"captain's dream" as Gra-ham Gooch called him. In the two years since he damaged a hip in Australia, there have been scant discernible signs of recovery.

Until now. In his latest operation, earlier this month, some loose bodies were successfully cleared out. Fraser has been told he can begin light training early in the new year, gradually increasing it until he joins England's fringe players at Lilleshall in February and March. Then, in April he will be with Middlesex in Portugal. "Obviously I have to get myself as fit as possible before the summer and I won't know whether I can put in maximum effort until

I start bowling," he said. "But I am optimistic. I did not achieve much statistically last season, yet I did feel I was getting somewhere by the end of it." He was fit enough to walk 22 miles one day in October for Ian Botham and charity.
There were times, earlier

in the season, when dejecbecame handmaidof frustration. In a championship match at Grace Road, Fraser had an altercation with one or two colleagues who overdid their encouragement, as Middle-sex players tend to do. He sulked on the bound-

ary and wondered aloud in wanted to be a stock

last season. But not for an England bowler still to reach his prime. "My problem is partly in the mind. But it is disap-pointing being hidden, bowling a few overs and watching the ball going to someone else," he said. In addition to his accuracy and meanness

bowler for the rest of his

career. That is one option as he proved in helping Middle

sex win the Sunday league

at a sharp medium, his reputation had been forged on a stubborn desire to bowl all day. When he broke down on the 1990-91 tour of Australia, it was not long after he nearly collapsed in the dressing room in the second Test at Melbourne.

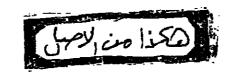
His figures of six for 82 were. the best of his 11-Test career, during which he took 47 wickets at 26 apiece.

Now 27 and recompe by Whittingdale in the City of London, Fraser does not wallow in self-pity, still less in self-delusion. He willknow if and when he is ready for Test cricket. He confines himself, for the time being, to the odd pithy comment. It is as if he had more in

common with Alec Bedser than he already realised. To Fraser, the batsman who does not walk is every bit as much of a chear as the balltamperer. He is as uncomplicated as Bedser, as big-hearted and still potentially

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YACHTING

Nuclear Electric heads nail-biting race for Hobart

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE leading crews in the British Steel Challenge were squeezing every last bit of speed out of their yachts last night in a nail-biting drag race over the final 500 miles to the finish of this second stage of the race at Hobart,

Richard Merriweather and the crew on the second-placed yacht Commercial Union pulled back three miles overnight on their leading rivals Nuclear Electric. Two other teams, Pride of Teesside and Group 4 Securitas were racing alongside each other with Coopers & Lybrand chasing three miles astern.

Referees'

powers

may have

to widen

After the two yachts came into sight for the first time yesterday, Mike Golding, Group 4's skipper reported: "After 7,000 miles, it was our first sighting of another yacht Pride of Teesside, is also

since breaking away from the fleet towards Florianopolis (Brazil) to repair our forestay. The whole crew came on deck as Pride of Teesside approached and crossed our stern about a mile away.

The Heath Insured crew can look forward to as much as a 16 hour allowance for the time they lost going to the aid of British Steel II after she was dismasted two weeks ago. If the international jury in Ho-bart agree to the calculations made by Captain Spencer Drummond, the race director. this could lift the yacht to fourth place. Golding's Group 4 crew are due to receive as much as 12 hours for their efforts in providing fuel to the

To complicate matters, Ian

Ragamuffin hoists the pennant high

Hobart: Syd Fischer, Australia's leading ocean-racing competitor for more than two decades, has at last won the prize that has eluded him longest: the Tattersalls Cup for International Offshore Rule handicap winner in the Syd-ney-Hobart race (Bob Ross

Sailing the 50-footer Ragamuffin, the eighth boat of that name he has owned. Fischer, 65, was yesterday declared to be unbeatable, although smaller IOR yachts were still

Second on IOR corrected time was the line-honours winner, the maxi ketch, New Zealand Endeavour, designed and built for the 1993-4

Whitbread Round the World Race. Third was Atara, last

year's winner. Fischer had twice taken line honours in the race, won Britain's classic Fastnet race. captained the winning Australian Admiral's Cup team of 1989, and won the One Ton

He will captain the Australian team to challenge for the Admiral's Cup in Britain in

1993.
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new mast cannot be air freighted to them in time for their arrival in Wellington at the weekend. Instead, the mast will be air freighted to Sydney and trans-shipped to Hobart, arriving there on January 12. Tudor and his crew are now expected to stop in Wellington to refuel again then continue to Hobart under power.

LEADING POSITIONS (et 15:00 GMT yesterday with miles to Hobert): 1, Nuclear Bectric (J. Chittenden) 597 miles; 2, Commercia Union (R. Meriweathar) 695; 3, Holbrau Lager (P. Gosa) 842; 4 equal, Group 4 Securities (M. Golding) sand Pride of Teesside (I. MecGilluray) 1,030; 6, Coopers 8. Lybrard (V. Cherty) 1,030; 7, Heeth Insured (A. Donouen) 1,094; 3, Interspray (P. Jelles) 1,289; 9, Rhorse-Poulenc (P. Phillips) 1,723; Risbrect: British Steel (R. Tudor)

claiming compensation for al-

tering course, needlessly as it

turned out to provide British

Steel with further fuel, but he is unlikely to get as much time

Assuming the yachts maintain their relative positions

within the fleet until Tasma-nia, John Chittenden and his

leading crew on Nuclear Elec-

tric who could reach Hobart as

early as Sunday, 13 days ahead of original estimates,

holds a provisional lead over

the fleet on overall elapsed time. Based on yesterday's positions, Chittenden's team

has a 17 hour advantage over

Hofbrau Lager, followed by Heath Insured a further three

hours adrift after these first

two legs from Southampton.

However, with the winds expected to back to the south-

west and drop to 15 knots overnight, benefiting the yachts to the south of this

tightly bunched fleet, fingers

Richard Tudor and his crew

on British Steel II, now motor-

ing towards Chatham Island

were told yesterday that their

are being crossed.

as Group 4.



Juniors James Harrison, of Guildford, left, and Patris Gordon, of East London. rise high before yesterday's world invitation basketball championship

FOOTBALL

Spanish eyes ar ears find time for Robinson's style

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Madrid: Michael Robinson has used his foreigner's Spanish and sharp wit to emerge as Spain's No. 1 radio and television sports personality, something he admits he never was as a footballer, even in his heyday in Liverpool's 1984

To be quite honest, I'm shocked by the success I've had here," he said. "I'm really loving it at the moment but frightened to death if I analyse it too much I'll lose it. I won't even buy a house here for fear it might jinx me," he added.

European Cup-winning team.

Robinson is all over Spanish radio and television, speaking his English-accented Spanish an average of 20 hours per week and earning more than he ever did playing for teams like Liverpool, Manchester United and Queens Park

Rangers.
It's his slightly off-centre Spanish that seems to hold the audience. "He'd lose some of audence. He does some of his charisma if he spoke perfect Spanish," his wife Chris, said.

Robinson's Spanish is good but the fact that it's imperfect

allows him get away with syntax and content that native speakers might not.

'i think I have a simple down-to-earth style which most football fans can identify with," said the former striker. "I have little sayings I use in Spanish. With my style I think

working class people feel I'm speaking to them." Robinson, 34, went to Spain in 1987 to play for Pamplona-based Osasuna in the Spanish first division. It turned out to be the last leg of his playing career that ended in 1989 when his knees finally had had enough.

Unable to play, Robinson tore up his contract, a move that seemed to catch Span-iards by surprise. "In England it would have been seen as a done thing. I couldn't have lived with myself collecting money and not playing," Rob-

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inson said. "Here if was seen as more unusual, a noble thing to do."

Refusing the money, and the news coverage Robinson got for doing it, caught the attention of state-run Spanish Television (TVE), which hired him to do commentary on the English League. Shortly after, Robinson also caught on sell-ing air time for the pan-European cable TV channel.

Eurosport. But his big break came covering the 1990 World Cup for TVE. "Things seemed to go particularly well for me." Robinson said. "Before, only late-night English League shows."

Then came an offer from Canal Plus, the private tele-vision station, followed by another from the radio network Cadena Ser. Robinson hosts two television programs weekly and at least five radio shows, and will cover the upcoming five nations' rugby union season.

Though English, Robinson played 23 times internationally for the Republic of Ireland. qualifying to play for the Irish through his ancestry. He admits he is better in the booth than on the field.

"That's not too hard to do," he said. "I consider myself a fine student of the game but was never quite able to put into practice what 1 understood.

Maybe I'm more comfortable talking about it."

Maybe, but only if he's speaking Spanish. Robinson said one of his most difficult moments came about six months ago doing Brazilian Cup commentary in English, not Spanish, for BBC television.

"All the phrases I have, all the stock things I fall back on are in Spanish," Robinson said. "I kept slipping out with Spanish words and saying things like 'numero eight'. mixing the languages.

Worry over

Sir, Now that the England

team has begun its tour of

England and Sri Lanka, am I

the only one who has great

concern over its discipline

under the new team man-

ard Streeton described (February 18, 1991) the following

incident during an England A

"Newport ... strode angrily down the pitch and said something. He walked away

at the end of the over, shouted

an obscenity, and threw his

sun hat and towel on the

ground and kicked them ...

Keith Fletcher, the team man-

ager, was surprisingly tolerant

afterwards. He said: "Every

bowler is entitled to 'blow up'

occasionally. He will not be

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fined ..."

I rest my case.

119 Grasmere Street,

From Mr Hugh Pallot

Yours faithfully,

DEVSIRI P.

Leicester.

Test" match in Colombo:

Nearly two years ago Rich-

ATHLETICS: FORMER CHAMPION CONFIDENT OF RESTORING CROSS COUNTRY TRADITION

Stewart sees British gold in the distance

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IAN Stewart, who has been given the chance by the British Athletic Federation (BAF) to work off his frustration at the standard of men's distance running in Britain, says that it may take five years before the results of his labours can be

counted in gold medals. Stewart, the last Briton to win the men's world cross country title, nearly 20 winters ago, begins work soon as the BAF's road running and cross country promotions officer. Although he has been hired to enhance the profile of the poor relations of track and field, he recognises that his job will be impossible without successful British distance runners to

Therefore, helping to devel-op a breed of British runners capable of taking on the Africans is uppermost in his mind. But it will take five

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miots, the 17 to 19-year-olds. "Our seniors are not going

to change their habits because I tell them to," Stewart said. Our future lies with the iuniors and how they are brought up." At a recent national coaches

conference, Stewart despaired when one coach told him that his athletes were more interested in money than medals. "The point we have to make to these kids is that medals mean a lot more money," Stewart said. Money from endorsements, sponsors' bonuses and appearance fees. Already Stewart has begun to put the message across, staging a young athletes seminar in Birmingham three weeks ago. He would run one for the seniors, but doubts whether it

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would be supported. He is scathing about the standard of men's distance running in Britain and his

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years, he says, because his concern for the future is unwork will start with the juderstandable. No British male the Africans have too many for track and field. came remotely near a meda in any event from 800 metres upwards at the world junior championships in Seoul in September, nor in the world junior cross country champi onships in Boston last March.

"We have got problems, no question," Stewart said. But



Stewart: concerned

"A West German [Dieter

Baumann] won the 5,000 metres at the Olympics and that could have been a Brit as easily as a West German, ." Stewart said. "The 10,000 metres at the Olympics and world championships were won in the 27min 40sec range, so we are not talking about times out of this world.

"We have pussy-footed around for too long. Are we not better shooting at the moon and missing than aiming at the gutter and hitting?" Stewart is well qualified to judge others. Apart from his world cross country victory in 1975, he is a former European 5,000 metres champion. There are those who disagree with his appointment, the first of its kind in Britain, claiming that his propensity for speak-

The person do has got to have his heart and soul in events and I think we have been lacking that," Stewart said. His passion for running lives on. Last year he broke the British veterans' record for 10 miles, 49min 16sec at the age of 43.

Stewart's priority is to get British road running and cross country back on television regularly, attracting sponsors and funding junior development. But no television station wants to show British athletes repeatedly being outclassed by Africans.

There are ways around that," Stewart said. Take boxing. What do you do if you have a fighter who is a contender but not world class? You don't bring in Mike Tyson to knock his head off: You make a match, and I think we have got to go to that

discipline on chests or buttocks?

Negative effects of anthems

From Mr J. S. Hunter

Sir, The furore over the playing of national anthems before the England v South Africa rugby union international at Twickenham last month worried me.

The uneasy relationship between anthems and nationalism, and the oft-mistaken equation of nationalism with patriotism, gives me concern enough without their involvement in sport in a way which may only have negative sideeffects for all parties.

Unfortunate connections between nationalism and sport can be traced back over many years and certainly there is clear evidence that we have never removed from sport the vestiges of this connection so strongly established at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The connection can manifest itself in many ways, from the selfdestructive to the nationally demeaning.

With regard to the selfdestructive, many will vividly recall images of tears streaming down the cheeks of Paul Thorburn, to the strains of the Welsh anthem "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" (to the ultimate good of no party involved). With regard to the national-

ly demeaning, who can but abhor the hordes of supporters, of football particularly, who defile the national anthem via its use as a "battlecry", whilst wearing accompanying insignia, such as Union Jacks emblazoned

However, do we not encourge both extreme mediate types, of behaviour through insistence on the use of the national anthem at some sporting occasions in the first place?

By establishing a connection between the anthem and sport, is not the door opened for rampant nationalism of the worst kind? In fact, do not many supporters, and some players, use the cloak of nationalism (made respectable by the anthem) to commit excesses which go relatively unpunished in the name of

nationalism"? The examples given earlier contrast strongly with the absence of anthems from occasions such as the Wimbledon tennis and the Open golf championships. Are there not obvious lessons to be learnt? Certainly they are compati-

ble with my view that the national anthem should be used only in its rightful place, ie, at occasions of state attended by the Queen - to the advantage of sport, I would contend, but, most importantly, for the guaranteed respect of the anthem itself.

Yours faithfully, JOHN S. HUNTER, Head. School of Physical Education and Sport, West London Institute. Borough Road, Isleworth. Middlesex.

Stance diluted

From Mr P. Aspden

Sir, The Football Association's guidelines on refusing to select suspended players for friendlies, but allowing them to appear in "competitive" games, as mentioned by your football correspondent, Stuart Jones (December 18), represent a perfect example of an ethical stance being diluted according to the seriousness of the stakes.

On such dangerous logic does the principle of the "professional foul" rest.

What can the FA say to the defender who brings down an attacker clear on goal in the last minute of the Cup Final when he insists that, ordinarily, he would have desisted, but this occasion was simply too important?

P. ASPDEN.

Unfair advantage

From Mr R. D. I. Simpson Sir, The incident between Kapil Dev and Peter Kirsten. in the one-day international between South Africa and India at Port Elizabeth (report, December 10), raised once more the question of why it is widely regarded as ungenilemanly for a bowler to run out a non-striker who repeatedly

sets off early.

It is, quite simply, cheating. The non-striker's object is to give himself an unfair advantage in his first run to the striker's end.

Why on earth should bowler be required to run a man out twice and let him off the first time, especially in a case where the same batsman has been warned in previous matches in the same series? Yours faithfully.

R. D. I. SIMPSON, 3 Sherwood Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex.

Sir, I was interested to read in a football report earlier this

season of Holmes setting up a goal for Watson in a cup-tie between Carlisle and Norwich. It sounded like a much more appropriate combina tion than Holmes and Moriarty, of the Welsh rugby union side of a few years ago. Such aptness is apparently not uncommon in football Only Andy May's close-season transfer from Bristol City prevented Bryant and May from continuing to light up Ashton Gate with their skills this season, while Gilbert and Sullivan (Billy and Colin) col-laborated briefly in the Portsmouth back four in the early Eighties.

My favourite is the all-Labour prime ministerial midfield of Leicester City in the mid-1980s. Ramsey, Mac-Donald and Wilson. I also like Flanagan and Allen of Crystal Palace. There must be more famous duos (or trios) who have been reincarnated in league football.

Yours faithfully, HUGH PALLOT, 96 Laicham Road. Staines, Middlesex.

sports promotion. But look **MOTOR SPORT**

Paris-Dakar entries well down

ing his mind is not suited to

THE beginning of a new year would not be the same without problems affecting the start of the Paris to Dakar rally. After a break with tradition last year, when the rally switched to Cape Town as a destination, the organisers have returned to the Sahara's desert tracks for 1993 and the event starts tomorrow against the usual backdrop of political battles. difficulties with the route and team withdrawals.

The new French laws concerning tobacco sponsorship have dealt a heavy blow to the 16-day rally, as has the uncertain political climate in several African countries, including Mali, where a French competitor was shot dead in 1991. Most of the mileage in the fourteenth Le Dakar will be in the Sahara as competitors cross Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania before reaching the finish in Senegal on Janu-

ary 16.
The loss of tobacco sponsorship has helped reduce the overall entry of car and motorcycle teams to 155, compared with 343 last year. But there is still considerable quality with factory entries from Citroen. Mitsubishi KIA, Yamaha and Honda.

Mitsubishi took the honours

in Cape Town last year while

to Peking event. Favourite again is Finland's Ari Vatanen, whose victory in 1991 brought his number of wins in the race to four. His Citroen team-mates include the Paris-Peking winner, Pierre Lartique, of

Citroen will be looking to

reneat their victory in the Paris

France, Timo Salonen, who like Vatanen is a former world rally champion, and the 1992 Paris-Cape Town winner Hu-bert Auriol, the only man to have won the race driving a car and riding a motorcycle. He will be partnered by a former motorcycle colleague, Gilles Picard.

SPORT ON TELEVISION

BSkyB expands golf coverage in US

BRITISH Sky Broadcasting vesterday announced it would be screening 40 tournaments from the 1993 United States PGA Tour. The schedule in-chides the US Open and the US PGA Championship but not the Masters, which is not nun by the US PGA.

The deal, for mainly live transmissions, will dent Screensport's reputation as the

main golf channel on satellite television. Screensport has been showing the US Tour, as well as the European Tour. Sky's US golf coverage, which starts with the Tournament of Champions at Carlsbad, California, next week, will fit around its football, rugby league and cricket programmes. On Sunday, January 10, for example, Sky will

feature the Premier League match between Sheffield Wednesday and Norwich City, followed by rugby league until 9pm, and then the American golf until midnight.

David Livingstone will be the presenter for the golf programmes, for which the expert analysts will be Tony Jacklin and Ken Brown, both former US Tour members.

Yours sincerely.

29 Steventon Road, W12.

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Fampion Tulu arrives to run for more than small change

he moment was deeply symbolic, black Africa uniting with white on a lap of honour around the Barcelona Olympic track. Derartu Tulu and Elana Meyer, first and second in the 10,000 metres, celebrated hand in hand and those who had campaigned for South Africa's return to the international arena could not have wished for more. "Soweto Loves You" said one banner greeting Meyer's homecoming at Johannesburg airport.

Tuke, too, was met by huge crowds. But there ended the similarity between Meyer, Tulu and life immediately after the Olympics. The Ethiopian got the gold, but the South African took the money. Their training diaries may not differ much but see may not differ much, but see the contrast in their bank accounts.

Bernard Rose, Meyer's manager, needs a new roll of paper in his "Elapa Meyer fax machine" every three days, such is the clamour for her. "She is not quite in the league of Sergey Bubka and Carl Lewis but she demands top dollars and gets them." Rose said.

Meyer's husband, Michael,

David Powell describes how the real gold goes to the Olympic silver medallist while

the gold medallist gets the small silver

tive nightmare," according to Rose. The township minibuses which used to be known as Zola Budds have been renamed: now you queue for an Elana Meyer. When Sol Kerzner, the chairman of Sun International, invited her to be his guest at the Sun City million-dollar golf challenge she replied with a polite no. Too busy.

Meyer has a new deal to wear glasses loff the trackly and her kit sponsorship is among the most lucrative.
"Most of her business deals were done before the Olympics, but were conditional on her doing well." Rose said. South Africa's only athletics medal of the Games was well

terday, on her way to race Meyer and Lynn Jennings. the world champion, in the County Durham cross country on Saturday. For a mo-

Tulu flew into London yes-

"because of the administra- come by Tardis: her age, she said, was 20. At the Olympics she was 21. Either way, she is young enough to make up for money she has been missing

> She has neither private kit sponsor nor manager, the Ethiopian federation takes a cut from her earnings and, when asked how her Olympic triumph had helped her personal finances, she said that she had received £6,000 from the government. Small change by Meyer's standards.

You cannot compare Ethi-

opia with South Africa," said Jos Hermens, the Dutch agent who expects soon to be grown up in a country ravaged by war and famine, where sport has had little chance to thrive. "Any sponsor will look at what it can get and not many companies are selling a lot in Ethiopia," Hermens said. "There is a lot of business going on in South Africa."

Hermens will be in Dur-

pic victory won her promotion from captain to major in the Ethiopian military, following his dealings with the Ethiopian federation. His first task will be a well-paid shoe contract: at the moment Tulu's shoes come from Adidas through a deal with the Ethiopian federation. But it ends this month and Ethiopian athletes will be free to negotiate their own deals.

"It has been like the old days in Russia and the GDR, with athletes in turnoil about their freedom." Hermens said. But Eshetu Tura, an Ethiopian federa-Tulu, said that now there would be "no limitations."

Hermens said Tulu would be very lucky if her income reached one-third of Meyer's, but the new year starts well for her. The Durham race organiser. John Caine. said she be would be paid an Meyer's. All she needs is her shoes back. Her luggage went missing at the airport. Potential shoe sponsors form a queue for a day's free



Marlow manager hopes for a replay against Tottenham Hotspur in FA Cup third round

Russell ready for trip down Memory Lane



By Aux Ramsay

"A REPLAY? No, I wouldn't complain at that at all," Dave Russell, the Marlow manager, said as his players prepared for the biggest day of their season. On Saturday, Marlow, of the Diadora League premier division, travel to White Hart

Lane to take on Tottenham Hotspur, of the Premier League. To reach these dizzy heights. Russell's team has made a habit of replays, having had two bites at Sittingbourne, Salisbury where they eventually won on penalties — and VS Rugby, to earn a ticket to Tottenham. For Russell, it will be a trip down Memory Lane.

"I was always a Spurs supporter," he said. "I used to watch them as a kid, but, of course, those were the days of Jimmy Greaves, when they would have 50 or 60,000 in the crowd."

These days, Russell's football dreams revolve around a group of semi-professionals who, when they're not on the training ground, earn their money as builders, policemen, printers and pension managers. They play for the love of it and, if they're lucky, £40-£50 in expenses. "My squad cost £2.000 to put together and we're taking on about £12 million-worth on Saturday." Russell said.

The financial importance of Saturday is not lost on Marlow's manager. "It's a great occasion," he said. "It didn't matter who we played - Liverpool or Arsenal - any top club in Europe. The money should set the club up for next season and it's nice to

have a bit of security." Marlow is a small town lost somewhere between the M4 and M40 motorways. For home matches, they usually pull 400 of the faithful through the turnstiles, although the ground can accommodate 3,500. On Saturday, the missing 3,000, a sizeable chunk in the town's population, will be at White Hart Lane and they have been clamouring for tickets since the draw was announced.



Sign of the times: Russell, the Marlow manager, looks forward to the task ahead outside the club's Alfred Davis Memorial Ground

Russell does not think they will be disappointed.

We've got nothing to lose and we've got the pace to unsettle Spurs," he said. "They'll be walking into the unknown as much as us. I'll have no bother motivating my boys, but it'll be different for them. They'll think they can breeze it and human nature being what it is, they'll only want to do the least they have

Saturday, though, is a dream. Real life takes over on Sunday when he has to plot a route out of the premier division relegation zone, where Marlow lie fourth from bottom, and then turn his attention to the less glamorous silverware on offer this season. "I'd like to pick up a cup on the way." he said. "We're in the quarter-finals of our league cup and the county cup."

But the FA Cup? Russell's confidence lies in his team's track record. They have been through thick and thin togeth-er with nine players approaching 200 league games for the

One of the Marlow contingent will be the town's favourite son. Steve Redgrave, the three-time Olympic rowing champion. A local champion. boy, Redgrave knows all about the pressure of being at the top and has some sympathy for Tottenham.

"All the pressure will be on them as favourites," he said. In Britain, we like the underdogs, but until you're at the top, you don't know what the stress is like. These days, I always tend to support the favourities because I know what they're going through, but this Saturday I'll definitely be behind the underdogs."

Clough's transfer deal in danger

By Chris Moore

BRIAN Clough, the beleaguered manager of Notting-ham Forest, last night met an unexpected obstacle in his attempt to steer his team away from the foot of the Premier

League. With Forest five points adrift, Clough is anxious to sign Brad Freidle, 21, the goalkeeper for the American Olympic team. Forest have agreed a £300,000 fee with Dallas Sidekicks for the 6ft 2in student at the University College of Los Angeles, and are seeking a work permit.
But Gordon Taylor, the

eligibility. "An Olympic team is not classed as a full interna-tional side," Taylor said. "If Freidle has not won a full international cap for a country that does not have a high

standard of football, he would not meet the criteria for a work permit, and would need some very good references before he could even be considered." Taylor added: "I would have hoped that a club of Nottingham Forest's stature might have been willing to

look at the domestic transfer It is the second time in

recent days that Taylor has taken a stance against the growing number of foreign

players in English football. He has also urged the Football Association to investigate the eligibility of Bontcho Guentchev, the Bulgarian forward who scored a spectacular goal for Ipswich Town against Blackburn Rovers on

Nigel Clough, the England international and son of the Forest manager, yesterday set the club a safety target of 30 points from their remaining games to stave off the threat of relegation.

Monday.

"It sounds a tall order when you consider we've only won three games so far. But I'm certain it's not beyond us," he

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HOCKEY

ATHLETICS

Olympic heroes put computer games in shade

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

have helped restore sport as the favourite pastime of the young - replacing Sonic Hedgehog and Super Mario. the stars of computer games, as role models for teenage

A survey commissioned by TSB and published yesterday revealed that boys in Britain now prefer sport to playing computer games. When they were interviewed in March, only half the 13 and 17-yearold boys listed sport as one of their three favourite activities. By the end of the year - after the British successes at the Barcelona Olympics - seven out of ten said sport was one of

Frank Wilson, TSB's youth The most interesting and pleasing thing for me is the way in which sport has gone dramatically up the list. The Olympic year has probably

BRITAIN's Olympic heroes had a lot to do with it. Sport is now top of the list as far as boys are concerned, when it used to be computer games."

Dr David Lewis, a psychologist who analysed the survey, said: "Sport has an enormously glamorous image. The Barcelona Olympics has helped create new heroes in our

They are seen as glamorous and exciting and assert a great deal of control over millions of people. There is no doubt that the enormous prescritation of sport on television has helped teenagers' awareness of sport.

"In hard times such as these, they seek out ways of getting control of events in their lives. Sport, like comput-If the rest of the world seems hopeless and out of control. you can control your own little world."

Young look to Europe, page 3

SWIMMING

Smith dismissed as Scotland's director

HAMILTON Smith has been dismissed as director of swimming for Scotland (Craig Lord writes). He was informed of the decision of the Scottish Amateur Swimming Associ-ation on December 23. For legal reasons, no official

explanation for the dismissal has been given publicly, though a spokesman for the association said the action had been taken on the grounds of his conduct. Smith may also have to forfeit his place on the British grand prix committee. a position he holds by virtue of his directorship in Scotland. Smith, in his mid-fifties,

took over from Ron Braun, the country's first director, eight years ago. During that time. the fortunes of Scottish swimming have declined to a point where, in the past 12 months, they have all but been passed the wooden spoon of British

swimming by Wales. Concern over falling standards and the failure of promising juniors when they reached senior competition were among reasons for the enquiry begun last year into the structure of swimming chaired by Jack Queen, a veteran official.

The Queen report recommended that the posts of director and office administrator be replaced by that of a chief executive. The SASA council voted to implement that recommendation. However, a further investigation as to how best that might be carried out was started in late summer by the SASA and the Scottish Sports Council. That process is not yet complete. Smith has the right to

appeal to his employers.

England men on the rise

ENGLAND have two players among the top seven men of the world ranking-list issued yesterday by the International Squash Players Association.

Peter Marshall, the British champion from Nottingham, replaced Sami Elopuro, of Finland, as the highestranked European player, moving into sixth position, and Chris Walker, the England No. 2 from Colchester, rose

three places to seventh. The new ranking list issued today by the Women's International Squash Players Association, features Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, at No. 1 for the last time after her retirement this year as the reigning

Norman (NZ); 8, S Bopuro (Fin); 10, H cytes (Aus), WSPA Rankings: 1, S Devoy (NZ); 2, M WSPA Rankings: 1, S Devoy (NZ); 2, M Martin (Aus); 3, M Le Molgran (Eng), 4, C Jackman (Eng); 5, R Lamboume (Aus); 6, S Wright (Eng); 7, L Opie (Eng); 8, S Homer (Eng); 9, L Irving (Aus); 10, H Wallace (Can).

IN BRIEF

Regan's fight off

Boxing: Robbie Regan's first defence of his European flyweight title was yesterday postponed after he injured an ankle in training.

Regan was scheduled to meet Danny Porter, from London, at the National Ice Rink in Cardiff on January 19, but damaged ligaments on a training run.

Blewett signs

Cricket: Greg Blewett, the South Australia opener, will play for Rishton in the Lancashire League next season.

Libya pull out

Footbail: Libya yesterday withdrew from the qualifying competition for the 1994 World Cup because of an United Nations embargo on air traffic. They had been due to play all their matches abroad.

Top two through

Tennis: Alex Osterrieth, from Kent, and Venki Sundaram, from Lancashire, the leading seeds, reached the last 16 of the Midland Bank 16 and under national championships at Telford yesterday.

Hull's honour

Rugby league: Hull have won the Stones Bitter team-of-themonth award after remaining unbeaten throughout

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

chief executive of the Profes-

sional Footballers' Associ-ation, is questioning Freidle's

Giants sack Ray Handley

East Rutherford: Ray Handley was dismissed as coach of the New York Giants yesterday after failing to take the side to the play-offs during his two year tenure.

No successor has been named although Boston College coach Tom Coughlin and Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt are considered the leading candidates.

There have been reports that Bill Parcells, Handley's predecessor who won the Super Bowl twice, might be asked to return, but sources close to the former coach said that he has not been contacted by the team and does not consider himself a candidate.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleve-land Cavaliers 114, Atlanta Hawks 96: Chicago Bulls 114, Chart-12 Homets 103: New York Knizks 97; Indiana Parers 91, Golden State Warners 132, Houston Rock-els 112, Seattle SuperSonics 111, Boston Cellics 87, Sapramento Kings 139, Dallas Mayericks 81.

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3.20 That's Life! Talented Pets. With Eather Rantzen (3035764)



Newly marrieds: Robert Redford and Jane Fonds (3.50pm)

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Introduces a festive edition of the game show. The guests include Lesley Joseph and Keith Barron. (Ceefax) (s) (734)

7.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (7325)

7.30 Bruce Forsyth: 50 Years in Showbusiness. A tribute to the

enduring entertainer. (Ceefax) (s) (581986)

8.20 Films Appointment With Death (1987). Another case for Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot (Peter Ustinov), whose hopes of a relating holiday in Palestine are dashed by the murder of a wicked stepmother. Lauren Bacall and John Gielgud sparkle in supporting roles but it is a tedious effort. Directed by Michael Winner (22910141) (32810141)

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Carey, reflects on the opportunities the New Year offers (5622913)

12.10 Film: The iporress File (1965) starting Michael Caine. The first in the series of Harry Palmer spy dramas, based on the novels by Len Deighton. Palmer is ordered to investigate a brain drain among British scientists. A stylish, downbeat thriller, directed by Sidney J. Furie. (Ceefax) (355081) 1.55 Weather (8346642)

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Belles Americantes; La Périchole, Act 1, part 1 (Opera Chorus of the Rhime; Strasbourg PO under Alaim Lomberd); American Eagle Weitz Overture; Bellet des flocons de neige, Le voyage dans la lune)

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Pieces, Op 72); Tchelkovsky

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8.55 Plim: Spirit of the People (1940, i solid drama about the early life of John Cromwell (85271948)

8.40 Firm: Shall We Dance (1937, b/w). See Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers season continues with this George and fra Gershwin musical about a ballet dencer who falls for a musical cornedy star. Directed by Mark Sandrich (87072073)

BBC2

. Raymond Massey stars in a

Abraham Lincoln directed by

Mark Sanchich (87072073)

10,25 Pigeon Street, Animation (1626073)

10,40 Chinese State Circus. With 45 at a crobatic performers, a chinese band and costumes from the Peking Opera (5494986)

11.30 Aspen — Colorado. A humorous loot at the United States's most famous ski resort by the distinguished documentary director Frederick Wiseman (69804238)

1.50 Geraint Evans Masterclass. In the last of the series Sr Geraint works with young singers on Mozart's Cosi fan ruttle (r) (1996412)

2.50 The Royal Institution Christmas Factures. The penultimate lecture given by Professor Charles Stilling. He discusses Symmetry. Sansation and Sex (5042290) 3.50 The Works. A scientific look at liquid engineering (r). (Cestax) (5371822)

4.10 10 x 10: The Last Heincut (b/w). Bartler Ken reflects on his career as he cuts his last head of hair before retirement (r) (7611412)

4.20 World Darts. Highlights of the final of the 1992 Embassy World championship between Mike Gregory and Phil Taytor (s) (6534877)

5.00 Faldo's Open. Nick Faldo wins his third Open (s) (2478829)

5.50 Life With Eliza. Last in the Edwardian comedy drama series starring John Sessions (865360)

starring John Sessions (895580)

6.00 Film: The Black Stallion (1979) starring Mickey Rooney, Kelly Reno and Terl Garr. Lavish version of the children's story about the adventures of a boy and his Arabian horse. Directed by Carroll Control (1979)

Ballard. (Ceefax) (5054) 8.00 I'm A Stranger Here Myself — Kurt Welli in America. CHOICE: Hounded out of Germany by the Nazis, the composer Kurt Weltl eventually sailed for New York and quickly found a home from home. "I even count in English", he wrots, after Broadway successes such as Knickerbocker Holldey, Lady in the Dark and successes such as Knickerbocker Holiday, Lady in the Dark and One Touch of Venus confirmed a seemingly effortless transition from Brechtian opera to the American musical stage. Well's determination to get under the American skin is impressive. He worked with Moss Hart, Meswell Anderson, Ira Gershwin and Alan Jay Lerner. He set music to the poems of Walt Whitman. The crossing of the Atlantic even repaired his martiage to Liotte Lernya. Barrie Gavin's film uses musical illustrations and first-hand memories and anticipates the English National Opera production of Street Scene which is on BBC2 tomorrow (s) (6783).

9.00 The Vermpyr — A Soap Opera. Part three of the updatting of a 19th-century romantic opera (s) (787236).

9.25 The Doug Anthony All-Stars. Music and comedy from the irreverent Australian trio. Their quest is cornectian Flacco (420431).

irreverent Australian trio. Their guest is comedian Flacco (420431)



On a medieval quest: Greham Chapman, right (10,00pm)

10.00 Film: Monty Python and the Holy Graft (1974).

© CHOICE: The Python team tackles the King Arthur legend with Graham Chapman as the king and Claese, Palin and company as everyone else. Never mind the story, which is only an excuse for a volley of zarry and inconsequential gags, served up with the usual interruptions and false starts. The firm was shot in Scotland. handsomely so considering the modest budget, and if the jokes pai there is usually splendid scenery to look at. The revue format of loosely cobbled sketches, helped along by Terry Gilliam's animations, sometimes struggles to fill the 90 minutes. But the lads have scaked themselves sufficiently in the conventions of medleval chivalry to know how to send them up and there are ample gems to warrant staying the course. (Ceeted (80798). Northern Ireland: Inside Utster News Review 10.20 Clive James 12.05em-1.35 Film: Monty Python and the Holy Grait; Wales: In the Making 10.20 Clive

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9,45 Tales from the Briga

"Looknow" Hobson. Richard Wilson reads the fourth of five reports by Peter Tinniswood from behind the pavillon at

from behind the pawlion at Witney Scrotum (s)
10.00-10.30em Newrs; Little
Women (FM only): The final part of Marcy Kahan's dramatisation of the novel by Louisa May Alcott
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only): Final part of Million's poem
10.30 On the Hour (s) (f)

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11.00 Goeting on the High Street.
Ray Gosling meets Sir Richard
Martin-Bird of Yates Wine

11.30 Marder on the Orient Express, by Agatha Christie. With John Molfatt (4/5) (s) 12.00 The X-Factor: Fascinating Aida. Emma Fraud linds out

Third of a six-parf dramatisation by Mark Wallington of his book (s) 12.55 Weather

He declared them to be rulgar, and produced the immortal line: "We really have

everything in common with

about Americans in this areas winning adaptation of his classic, whose plot has the Otis family taking over the ancestral manor, ghost and all.

why the tric broke up 12.25pm Boogle Up the River

1,00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (S) (F) 1.55

Lodge (r)

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starring Gregor Fisher (992306)

12.20am Without You I'm Nothing starring American comedienne Sandra Bernhard (s) (2666159) 1.40 Weather (7241420)

RTE 1

RADIO 4

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(16628122) 12.25 News (82018035) 1.00
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Fair City (1730206) 7.30 Why Me? (9712122)
8.00 1992 — A View (1230220) 9.00 News
(1340989) 8.15 Film: Shirlsy Velentine
(9868)219) 11.10 New Year's Eve Concert
— Europe Without Frontiers (7869851)
12.10 News (1819178) 12.15-2.00 Film:
Down and Our in Beverly Hills (1982081)

chains in vain, and cannot figure out the Americans except for daughter Virginia, who ends his 300-year bout of

rundsome (1837823) 1.00 Roger (2369739) 1.10 Close

ITV LONDON

6-00 TV-ann (5064615) 9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man. Animation (6259870) 9.50 Thames News (9730238) 9.55 Cartoon Time (8155412) 10.15 Film; The Sons of Katle Elder (1965) starring John Wayne and Dean Martin. Lively but routine western about four brothers who return to Texas for the funeral of their mother, discover that she died

12.30 ITN News. (Oracle). Weather (1204290) 12.50 Thames News (11910290) 1.00 Home and Away. Australian family drama senal. Oracle) (23344)

penniless and vow their revenge. Directed by Henry Hathaway

1.30 Film: Cheetah (1989) starring Keith Coogan and Lucy Deakins. A Disney adventure about two American children living in Kenya who adopt an orphan chestah cub. When it seems that they will be returning to California they decide to re-train the animal to fend for itself in the wild, but then it is captured by a poacher. Directed by

Jeff Blyth (s) (84996)
3.00 ITN News headlines (7196848) 3.05 Themes News headlines (7195219) 3.10 Take the High Road, Highlands-based drama serial (111702) 3.35 Cartoon (5675615)

3.45 B & B. Family drama starring Kevin Whately as an unemployed architect who decides to turn his south coast house into a bed and breakfast establishment but runs into opposition from the uthorities (r) (392141)

5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (58469d) 5.55 Thames News (807325)

News (8075cb)
6.30 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (870)
6.30 Enamerdate. Orama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales, where villagers greet 1993 with mixed emotions (Oracle) (122)
7.00 Murder At the Farm: Who Killed Carl Bridgewater? Dramadocumentary written and presented by the formalist Paul Foot about the murder of the newspaper boy in the west Midlands in 1978. Four men were found quity but continued to protest their innocence. Was there a miscamage of justice? (4561)



Trouble brewing: Trudie Goodwin is put in danger (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: When Push Comes to Shove, Off-duty PCs Loxton and Outman place WPC Ackland (Trudie Goodwin) in danger when they have a brush with a violent thug. (Oracle) (1141)
8.30 John Le Carré's A Murder Of Quality starting Denholm Elicot and Glenda Jackson. Spyrnaster George Smiley returns to join forces with his former colleague Alisa Brinitey after she reven death and from the wife of public school master predicting her own death and naming her husband as the murderer (r). (Oracle) (s) (89431)

10.30 News. (Chacle) weather (436986) 10.45 The End of the Year Show: The Best...from Thames. A compilation of clips from Thames Television classics (5615851) 11.55 News. Followed by Big Ben (636073) 12.00 A Cariton New Year. A music and comedy special presented by

Chris Terrent heraiding the start of Carlton, the new franchise holder for weekday television in London. Among the guests are Paul McCartney, Squeeze and the London Inspirational Choir (71246)

1.30 Film: Best Defense (1984) starting Dudley Moore and Eddle Murphy, Feeble cornedy about an engineer who stumbles across a secret formula that is being sought by a madcap industrial spy Directed by Willard Huyck (870456)

3.15 Film: Murder Takes All (1989) starring Stacy Keach. Micky Spillane's private detective Mike Hammer accepts a palimony case and ends up being framed for murder. Oirected by John Nicoletta

4.55 Backtrack '92. Highlights from the year's big musical events (s) (9748739) 5.55 ITN Morning News (3425555). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartbons (B4257) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (28899)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show (s) (6245877)
9.25 Laurel and Hardy (5818509) 9.30 Sesame Street (8021s,
10.30 Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge. This morning Hale liwin an Torrance are joined by boxer Jim Watt and Going for Gold Chacein Early Manny Kelly who place a short at the night that Classic FM's Henry Kelly who plays a shot at the ninth tha stroke of magical mastery, a joy to behold, easily atoning is duffers he played on the previous eight holes (61696) 11.30 Kete and Altie, American comedy series (3967)

12.00 Ghazala. The third of a four-part Asian songwriting competition

(19580)

12.30 Famous People... Famous Places... Quiz game (s) (61431 1.00 Film: For the Love of Benji (1977). Children's adventure about remarkable mongrei. When his master is drugged and kidnapped by a spy in Athens, the villain uses Benji to hide vital information on his paw. Directed by Joe Camp (97219)

2.30 Banoque Duet. The musical relationship between classic and jazz transleter Wanton Massells and singer Kathleen Bettle (s) (919) at

trumpeter Winton Matsalls and singer Kathleen Battle (s) (61306)
4.00 One Family: The Price of Bread, A portrait of a Pelestinian family whose life is blighted by political oppression (6290)

5.00 Gershwin. O Geramwin.

O CHOICE: Part of the project that kicked off with Peter Greenaway's Darwin, this stylish portrait comes from the French film director Alain Resnais. The George Gershwin story has been often told, not least in television documentaries, but Resnais brings it up tresh. For one thing he starts from the end, Gershwin's early death from a brain tumour, and works back. For another, he breaks up the stendard from the of closs and intendeus with a carles of anytaneous. morn a train furthful, and wholes back. For a fathers, the oreast systems and formula of crips and interviews with a series of expressive morntages, one of which offers a year-by-year chronicle of the composer's prolific output. The film also makes striking use of still photographs and painted backgrounds. But there is content as well as packaging, with a proper tribute to Gerstwin's innovative style. Admirers include Respass's fellow directors Bertrand Tavernier and Martis Response. (c) (1996)

Admirers include Heanas's reliow directors derivation Taverrisch and Martin Scorsase (s) (8306)

6.00 Rossanne. Wisecracking cornedy series starring Rossanne Amold and John Goodman (r). (Teleted) (412)

6.30 Gamesmaster. A special partic edition of the computer game show. The guests include Linford Christie and Carl Lewis (764)

7.00 The Wonder Years. A compilation of clips from the first four years. of the cornedy about growing up in 1960s America, starring Fred Savage (r) (4685)

7.30 News summary and weather (140122) Followed by The Martic of Bing Crosby. A musical history of one of the world's most successful entertainers (564219)



Blast from the comic past: Max Miller lives egain (8.30pm)

◆ CHOICE: John Fisher's loving compliation is a celebration of British cornections with examples from the variety stage, cinema, radio and television. The clips run from Robb Wilton in 1930 to Frankie Howard in 1991, with a glance back to Dan Leno and comments from contemporary practitioners such as Victoria Wood and John Sessions. Without trying to impose any patient or thesis, Fisher cross-cuts revealingly between Howerd and Max Miller, sets Les Dawson's "dame" against Norman Evans's and explores fevourite joke subjects such as hospitals and sex. But essentially this is a chance to wallow in a non-stop least of tun, served up by the best in the businesses. the best in the business -- Harry Tate, Sid Field, Will Hay, Max Wal

Jimmy James, Tommy Cooper, Ken Dodd and many, many others. Seldom wit two-and-a-half hours pass so quickly (s) (844306)

11.00 Ready, Steady, Got A vintage edition of the 1960s pop music programme featuring the Rolling Stones (r) (4219)

11.30 Big Breakfast End of the Year Show, With Chris Evans, Gaby

Rosfin, Peula Yates and Mari Lamarr (69431)

1.00am Roger Mellie, Cartoon (2969739)

1.10 Ray Charles. The veteran blues musician in a concert recorded in

America in 1991 (s) (2615371)
2.20 Free Concert. The Free perform before an audience of more than 400,000 during the Isle of Wight festival in 1970 (4658623). Ends at

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

(6752141) 12.15 The Clangers (1983606) 12.25 The Megic Roundsbout (1554615) 12.30 Stot Melthini (61431) 1.00 Firm: For the Love of Banif (67219) 2.30 Celebrity Fifteen To One (425483) 3.15 Firm: Rainbow (22496412) 5.00 Famous People, Famous Places (4829) 5.30 Gemeanasser (219870) 5.45 With Find Cartoons (7651290) 9.30 The Pyramid Geme (\$2859) 10,00 Strike it Rich (\$4012) 10,30 The Bold and the Beautibu (\$8412) 11,00 The Young and the Residese (\$8054) 12,00 Felcon Creet (\$8122) 1,00pm E Street (\$2870) 1,30 Another World (\$089054) 2,20 (S2870) 1.30 Another World (2088054) 2.20 Samba Berbara (12953219) 2.45 Meude (173489) 3.15 The New Leave it To Bester (170508) 3.45 The DJ Kst Show (2688054) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (1495) 6.00 Reacus (1888) 6.30 E Street (5851) 7.00 Aff (2122) 7.30 Family Tiss (1055) 8.00 Full -House (1870) 8.30 Metrose Piace (41431) 9.30 Chances (85141) 10.30 Studie (67141) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (46519) 12.00 Paces from Soviet

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6.00am Showcase (7254324)
19.00 Mr Deethry (1990): James Bekushi fives a fentesy file (74171)
12.00 Manstang Country (1975): Wilderness soverture with Joel McCrea (12754)
2.00pm Battesen (1995): Starring Adem West and Burt Ward (42344)
4.00 The Dreson Machise (1991): Corey Helm acquires a Possche (31473945)
6.50 Mr Deethry (as 10am) (89054985)
7.40 Eriestahmant Tonlight (53086)
8.00 Body Status (1987): Wrestling cornedy starring Rowdy Roddy Piper (34255)
10.00 Greentins 2: The New Batten (1990).
Gizmo spawns a reptilan army field label over a colo network (84932)
12.00 Content the Deethryer (1964): Comiobook action starring Arnold Schweszenegger as a berberien wearby (616642)
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who ends his 300-year bout of insormala. Edward Petherbridge, as Sir Simon, has the best meniacal laugh I have heard in ages (s) 3.30 Carry On Up the Zeitgetst: That Was the Week That Was (f) 4.00 News 4.85 Relative Values: Michael O'Donnell meets Duncan Roy, who have the ware different. 4.18pm The King and I (1955): Musical staring Yul Brytner as the King of Siam who talls in love with English governess Deborah Karr (86977580)
8.30 Dr. Who and the Daleks (1965): Staring Peter Cushing (9654)
8.00 Audrey Rose (1977) Anthony Hopkins claims a girl is the reincuration of his daughter (96561)
16.00 Carrier (1976): Stephen King horror staring Siasy Spacek as a psychic schoolgid (3554122). Ends at 12.45em who knew he was different from his brothers (e) (f)
4.45 Short Story: Pegans, by Rick
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5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 The Harpoon: The first of four back issues (s) (f)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks with chess players (f)
7.50 Little Bilighty On the Down Christman Special (s)
8.15 Sweet Adelaide (s) (f)
8.45 Northern Lights: Arctic Science and Globel Change (s) (f)

(s) (r) 9.15 Keleidoscope: Aria. Peggy Reynolds talks to Toscas Josephina Barstow and Janice Caims, director Jonathan Miller and conductor Mark Elder about the interpretation of the aria. Vissi d'arte (s) (r)

9.45 Working Among the Tytants: The story of Dr Zoltan Frankl, a tormer Harley Street oral

tormer Harley Street oral surgeon, who survived three concentration camps during the Nazi occupation of Hungery (s) (t) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tendight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Doctor's Family, by Margaret Oliphant. Abridged and read by Morag Hood (4/10) 11.00 Feer on Fott: The Next in Line, by Ray Bracibury. Oramaticad by Brian Sibley (s) 11.30 Cleanness: Anthony Hyde reads the final part of Belshazzar's Feest 11.45 New Year Meditation in words and music, with the Rev Tory Burnham

Tony Burnham 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kl-tz/285m;1069kl-tz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2: Radio 5: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kl-tz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 659kl-tz/435m; 909kl-tz/330m. LBC: 1152kl-tz/251m; FM-97.3. Capital: 1548kl-tz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1459kl-tz/206m; FM-94.9; World Service: MW-848kl-tz/463m. Classic FM: FM-100-102.

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1.00pm Young at Heart (1954): Musical staring Doris Day and Funk Shains (11035)

3.00 Holiday on the Buses (1973): Comedy with Pag Varney (22325)

5.00 Thereign Allstant Minje Turdes 2 (1990): Heroic schentures (61867)

7.00 Hilbellits in a Heumlad House (1967): Musical comedy (69073)

9.00 Microfer 101 (1991): Pierce Broeren lectures on the perfect murder (31238)

11.00 The Warniors (1979): Drama about New York strest gangs (624866)

12.35em it Came from Hollywood (1982): A selection of excepts from the worst science-fiction films (2277517)

2.05 The Border (1982): Jack Nicholson petrols the Mescan-US border (273975)

4.00 Ship of Foots (1985): Drama on board in ocean liner (30352). Erids at 6.00

tion (46219) 12.00 Pages from Skyled

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6.30am Stretch (56122) 7.00 Watersports (2596) 8.00 Scots and All (26615) 9.00 Stretch (54770) 9.30 Golf — Australian Skins 1992 (54829) 11.30 Stretch (50699) 12.00 1992 (54829) 11.30 Stretch (50899) 12.00 Trisintion (25784) 1.00pm Superbouts (34412) 2.00 Motorycing (71431) 3.00 Superstans (54615) 4.00 The Game of Billions (33122) 5.00 Motor World (8883) 5.30 The Citie Show (4528) 8.00 WWW Wrestling (88509) 7.30 Nebushara (1677) 8.00 High Five (8257) 8.50 The Boot Floorn (65035) 9.30 Ringside (317945) 12.00 Trisintion (48988) 1.00am The Boot Room (6524) 2.00-2.30 Fishing (84772)

EUROSPORT 8.00em Step Aerobics (19615) 8.30 Std Jumping (14528) 9.30 Free Climbing (19851) 10.30 Step Aerobics (88122) 11.00 Spanger Ice Hockey (247035) 2.00pm Devis Cup Terms (253035) 5.00 Snooker (1948) 6.00 Person (247044) 2.00 Terms (253035) 6.00 Tennis (353058) 5.00 Snocker (1948) 6.00 Boxing (43054) 7.00 Trans World Sport (84453) 8.00 1982 Sports Review (83615) 10.00 Happy New Year (13431) 10.30 Eurosport News (89651) 11.00-12.30em Dance — Rock 'n' Roil (18344)

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PADIO 1

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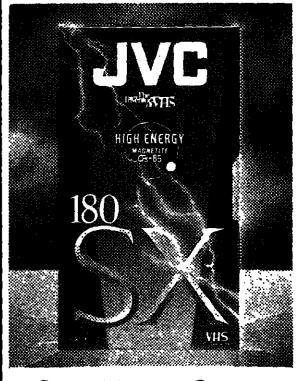
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The Lost Continent, by Bill
Bryson (4.5) (s) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 in the
Paychlatrist's Chair: Dr
Arthory Clars meets Bob
Monkhouse (r)
9.45 Tales from the Brigadier: 3.35 Moscow Sololats under Yurl Bashmet, viola, perform Britten

Bashmet, viola, perform Britten (Lachymae, Op 48a); Schrittlie (Trio Sonata for strings); Schubert, an Mahler (String Quantel In D minor, O810, Death and the Medden) 5.00 Verdi Volcea: Vickers, Domingo and Valdengo sing extracts from Otalio 6.00 National Youth Bress Band 6.00 National Youth Bress Band of Great Britain under Frank Fenton, with Maurice Murphy, humpet, performs Straus, arr G. Emerson (Festmusik der Stadt Wen); Arthur Butterworth (Concette alls Venszie)

As London except: 3.35 Film: Chopper Squad (1969696) 5.05 Cartoon (4883590) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8303306) 6.00

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Suite), including at 8.45-6.50
Alan Syles talks to Roy
Newsome, the band's music
director
These Choice Seethed 1992.

7.30 Three Choirs Feetivei 1992: Three Choirs Feetivei Chorus; Royal Philisamonic Orchestra under Donald Hurst and Roy Massey, with Arn Mackey, sopreno, Meddwyn Davies, tenor, Brian Reyner Cook, beritone, and Mark Lee, organ, perform Howells (A Kent periorm Howels (4 transitions) yearingn's wooing song); Vaughen Williams (Fertilis); a theme by Thomas Transita on a theme by Thomas Transitions; Howells (Sine nomine); Finzi (Intimetions of Immortality, Op.

370); Vacker (Concerto for trumpet, percussion and keyboerd); Suk (On Christmes Eve); RebBeo (Christmes Tree Waltz, The Feiry Tale); Holst (Wassall Song); Poulenc (Chaneon à boire); Warlock (Twelve Oten); Gardner (The Bellied Knight); Lyapumov (Chart de Noel, Op 41 No 4; Nut de Noel, Op 41 No 1); Berlioz (Chaneon à boire, Op 2); Brahms (Taleilled, Op 93b); Mozant (Pieno Cuertei in Grinor, K478)

12.00 Bach Violin Sometes: Ruth Waterman, violiny Norse Filt. 9.20 The Black Hand of the Raj: 9.20 The Black Hamb or the Haj-The second of two Gothic tales, written and namated by Patrick McGrath 9.40 Britannia Triumphans: Parley

of instruments under Peter Holmen and Mark Caudle plays music for violin conson by Thomas Simpson (r) 10.15 Sunk and Bill: The third of 10.15 cunk and Bill: The third of four programmes in which Natheel Poston, in Criversetton with Bill Russell.

With the story of the New Crisers trumpeter Bunk utomon (r).

10.45 Boots, Music and Lyrics:

City in America. — Recent Majores. Presented by Robert Custome (r).

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America, except of course our language." Poor old Sir Simon de Carterville clarks his

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Boardman and Gunnell among Britain's gold medal team recognised

Olympic winners are honoured

THE sportsmen and women who brought Olympic glory to Britain in Barcelona last summer are recognised in the New Year's honours list published today. Sally Gunnell, the 400 metres hurdles champion. and Chris Boardman, the 4.000 metres cycling pursuit gold medal-winner, are appointed MBEs, as are the rowers. Matthew Pinsent.

Greg Searle and Jonny Searle. Their fellow Olympic chara-pions, Linford Christie and Steven Redgrave, do not appear on the list because they have been honoured before. Mary Glen Haig, one of Britain's two representatives on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) — the Princess Royal is the other — is elevated from OBE to Dame Commander of the British

Tanni Grey and Chris Holmes, Britain's Paralympic champions who won ten gold medals between them, are also created MBEs. Grey won four wheelchair events

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xciation; Stanley archery, David services to rugby James Stawert.

and the partially-sighted Holmes six in the swimming

Gordon Strachan, the inspiration behind Leeds United's Bardays League championship victory last season, is appointed an OBE for his services to football, and another Scot, David Sole, who captained his country's rugby union team a record 25 times before retiring last summer. is

similarly recognised.
Strachan said: "Although it is a personal honour, I regard it as one for the club and for the city of Leeds as well." Sole took Scotland to the grand slam in his first season as captain in 1989-90.

"I'm chuffed about this," Boardman said yesterday. "It is great to have the recognition and now the next step must be to see how we can use it to help cycling." Boardman was the first British winner of an Olympic individual cycling gold medal for 84 years. "I've always said that it takes many bricks to build a wall and I

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owe so much to the team that has supported me," he said.

Gunnell's award comes after a year in which she captained the British women's Olympic team, became the first British woman to win an Olympic track race for 28 years, then went off to Miami to be married.

Pinsent, winner of the men's coxless pairs with Redgrave. is joined on the MBE rostrum by the Searle brothers, together with the man who coxed them to victory in the men's coxed pairs, Garry Herbert.

Glen Haig, 74, competed in four successive Olympics, from 1948 to 1960, was chairman of the Central Council of Physical Recreation from 1974 to 1982, and became an IOC member in 1983. She is honoured for her services to sport, which include serving on the IOC medical commission. As she will be 75 next year, she must retire from the

Another leading international British officer of sport, Arthur Jones, president of the International Badminton Federation for the past two years, is created a CBE. Under his presidency, hadminton made its entry into the Olym-pics. He is a former president of the Badminton Association of England.

Micky Stewart, who retired ast summer after six years as the England cricket team manager, is appointed an OBE. Only 12 of 58 Test matches were won under his management, but his worth was summed up by Graham Gooch, who said: "When I started, all the assistance that a captain got was the chairman of selectors strolling up to the nets and offering what advice he could. Micky changed all

Nick Gillingham, Britain's bronze medal-winner in the 200 metres breaststroke, and Sharron Davies, who took silver in the 400 metres med-ley at the 1980 Moscow Olympics and who came out of retirement to compete in Barcelona, fly the flag for

vimming. Sean Kerly, a member of Britain's gold medal-winning men's hockey team in Seoul in 1988, is created an MBE too after departing the international scene in Barcelona.



On a cycle of success: Barcelona winner Boardman is created an MBE

Coleman given honour

By Our Sports Staff

DAVID Coleman, the mostimitated the most-respected (and, at the same time, the most-mocked) of British television sports commentators, is today appointed OBE in the New Year Honours for his

services to broadcasting. Coleman has been the BBC's "voice of sport" for more than 30 years and is still going strong, heading the athletics coverage from the Olympic Games this year and chairing the present series of A Question of Sport, despite collapsing through exhaustion four years ago. Coleman, 66 years old and

the father of six children, has been an important part in making British sports tele-vision among the best in the world, covering every World Cup football tournament since 1958 and every Olympic Games since 1960. Through Grandstand.

Match of the Day, Sportsnight and A Question of Sport — as well the lemanballs column in Private Eye and his puppet taricature on spitting Image Coleman has become something of a cult figure.

David Mellir, the former Heritage secretary, has described Coleman as "a nat-



Coleman voice of sport

ional treasure". Desmond Lynam, his fellow sports commentator on the BBC, says: "Nearly every sports has its doyen — Peter O'Sullevan, Peter Alliss, Murray Walker, David Coleman. These guys are going to be very difficult to

Coleman is famous for his gaffes: he called hole in the heart footballer Asa Hartford "a whole-hearted player" and commented that "Forest are having a bad run — they've lost six matches without winning." But he is noted, too, for his professionalism: when terrorists invaded the Olympic village at Munich in 1972, he described events with graphic

and sensitive skill. After joining the BBC in Birmingham in 1958, he showed his versatility by covering everything from Come Dancing to Royal weddings but he always saw himself primarily as an all-round sports journalist.

Reynolds calls IAAF 'vindictive'

BUTCH Reynolds, the world 400 metres record holder. yesterday accused the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) of being "vindictive and anti-American" over his two-year ban for

alleged use of steroids. Reynolds was banned by the IAAF after a meeting in Monte Carlo in August 1990. Allegro. The IAAF said Reynolds had tested positive for the anabolic steroid nandrolone during a

random test. Reynolds denied the charge and turned to the courts. Earlier this month, a US District Court in Columbus awarded Reynolds £18 million compensation and said there was a "substantial likelihood that the IAAF's report of Reynolds' drug use was not only false, but that it was disseminated with malice."

Tottenham in dispute over Redknapp fee

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Football League has prohibited Bournemouth. of the second division, from buying new players following a dispute over money the club is said to owe to Tottenham Hotspur. of the Premier

Tottenham claim the club is owed £11,250 following the sale to Bournemouth of Jamie Redknapp in 1989. Part of the deal obliged Bournemouth to pay Tonenham 15 per cent of any future transfer deals involving Redknapp, who has since moved to Liverpool for a basic fee of £300,000.

Liverpool recently paid Bournemouth a further E75,000 after Redknapp made his 25th first-team appearance, but Tottenham complained to the Football League that they had not received their cut.

Bournemouth's financial director. Ken Gardiner, confirmed that the League had placed an embargo on Bournemouth buying any more players and said: "We will be making the payment next week."

The dispute continues a difficult week for Bourne-mouth, who have debts of £2.6 million, following the announcement that they had not their former than they had paid their former manager, Harry Redknapp, Jamie's father, a golden handshake of £100,000.

The club chairman, Norman Hayward, said: "When Harry told us he was finished with football - and he did a great job for the club - we took it at face value. At the time, we believed he was finished with the game." In fact. Redknapp Sr joined West Ham United soon afterwards as assistant manager.

There was better news for another second division club. Bolton Wanderers, who will host one of the outstanding ties in the FA Cup third round when they play Liverpool at Burnden Park on Sunday. They strengthened their hand yesterday when they completed the signing of David Lee, a winger, from Southampton. Lee, 25, who had been onloan with Bolton for almost two months, cost £200,000

but that could later rise to

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£100,000 with payments linked to appearances.

Liverpool are guaranteed a searching examination of their defence, which has been inconsistent all season. Since joining Bolton from Celtic for a fee of just \$150,000 list sesson. Andy Walker his scored 34 goals in 48 senior games, while John McGinlay has proved similarly effective. scoring nine times since his £150,000 transfer from Millwall three months ago.

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, has yet to field an unchanged side so far this season, a record which will be maintained this weekend as Redknapp is unavailable because of suspension.

With several of his recognised senior squad also stili unavailable because of longterm injury problems, Sources may recall Michael Thomas. now fully fit after an Achilles. tendon operation.

Queens Park Rangers, who play Swindon Town at Loftus Road on Monday, will have an extra reason to want success. Their forward, Les Ferdinand, whose form has carried him to the fringe of the England team, seems likely to leave if Rangers are eliminated from the Cup.

Rangers may be prepared to consider overtures from Liverpool and Newcastle United for the striker if they lose, particularly if they subsequentdrop down the Premier League, but it will need a record-breaking deal to prise Ferdinand, 26, from Loftus Road. Rangers are believed to have rejected a £3.3 million Newcastle bid for Ferdinand on Christmas eve.

However, the club's chairman, Richard Thompson, yesterday admitted he may be prepared to sell Ferdinand if the price is right. "If someone came in with an offer of. say, £5 million, I would be stupid not to consider it, as I'm sure any rational fan would agree," he said.

Marlow's big day, page 38

Royal Gait dies

ROYAL Gait, the champion hurdler, died of a heart attack after finishing fourth in the Bookmakers Hurdle at Leopardstown yesterday. He collapsed under his jockey, Graham McCourt, moments

after crossing the line.

Making his seasonal debut, the nine-year-old, owned by Shaikh Mohammed and trained in Newmarket by James Fanshawe, completed the race just over six lengths behind the winner, Novello

Jim Lenehan, the assistant manager at the shaikh's Kildangan Stud, said: "The horse wobbled just after passing the post. Graham thought he had broken down but when he went to pull him up he fell from under him."

Royal Gait, never a stranger to controversy, was disqualified after comfortably winning the 1988 Ascot Gold Cup, a decision which still arouses fierce debate.

Racing, page 35

Christie's choice causes concern

WINNING MOVE This position is from the game Chandler — Larsen, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1990/9]. Here, white found a clever move exploiting the dangerous position of the black queen. Can you see it? This year's Hastings tournament features the Hungarian prodigy Judit Polgar. Further details from the British Chess Federation on 0424 442500 (Raymond Keene).

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Games to the city in the year 2000 was alarmed yesterday by reports from Australia that Linford Christie had said that Sydney would be a climate was better in July and better choice for the Games. Christie, captain of the British athletics team and the gold meal winner in the 100 metres in Barcelona earlier

this year, said Sydney had better weather and would be a bétter venue. Christie - who praised the city in a Manchester 2000 newsletter, "Our Golden Future", only two months ago — was being interviewed in Sydney when he made his

remarks. He is in Australia for warm-weather training before a 1993 programme that includes the world championships and, in all probability, a series of races with Carl

MANCHESTER'S team Lewis Leaders of the striving to bring the Olympic Manchester bid — which is being backed by £70 million from the government - were disappointed at his They said the Manchester

> August than Sydney would be in October, when it proposes to stage the Games. "Perceptions of rainfall in Manchester during the period when we would host the

Games are simply not borne out by the facts," a Manchester 2000 spokesman said last night.

He said that average monthly rainfall over the last ten years in Manchester had been 52mm in July and 78mm in August, compared with 75mm in Sydney in

October. He also claimed that humidity in Manchester, at 63 per cent. would be lower than



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that in Sydney. It is also much lower than in both Barcelona, where the 1992 Games were held, and Atlanta, host for 1996. "We don't know whether Linford has been quoted out of context. but it is very disappointing," said one member of the bid

team The International Olym-

pic Committee is to decide in September on the venue for the 2000 Games. The candidates, apart from Manchester and Sydney. include Peking, Berlin, Milan, Istanbul and Tashkent in Sydney. Christie confirmed that he would retire after the 1994 Commonwealth Games. "I've given myself two more years, to include next year's world championships and the de-fence of my title at the Commonwealth Games, Christie said. He originally announced

his retirement in August last year, two days after finishing fourth in the 100 metres at the world championships in Tokyo. But with some persuasion from his coach, Ron Roddan, Christie changed his mind and came back for a magnificent win in

